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Tanks sent into the West Bank: Arabs plan confrontation in Jerusalem

Israel on brink of war as 50 die in 'new intifada'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestinians were close to all-out war last night after Israel declared a state of emergency in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The death toll in two days of fighting had exceeded 50.

Israeli tanks were sent into the area for the first time since it was captured from the Arabs in the 1967 Six Day War.

Western diplomatic sources said that the Middle East was closer to a wider Arab-Israeli war than for many years. Syria, Egypt and Jordan are all bitterly opposed to the Likud Government's policy on Mus-lim holy places in Arab east Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is likely to become a flashpoint again today as Palestinians attempt to converge on the Temple Mount for Friday prayers and force the closure of a tunnel they claim is threatening al-Aqsa mosque, the third-holiest Islamic shrine. It was the opening of a second exit from the 100-year old tunnel this week that triggered the violence. Extra security forces are a inio ine city

The Palestinians received encouragement yesterday from the 22member Arab League which spoke for the first time in three years of an "intifada".

Binvamin Netanvahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, cut short a European visit to chair emergency talks with security chiefs. A spokesman for Mr Netanyahu ruled out any closure of the new tunnel exit. The Prime Minister is pressing hard for a meeting with Yassir Arafat, president of the Palestinian Authority, to

whom he has spoken by phone. Palestinian leaders, who claimed that towns evacuated under the 1993 peace agreement were being re-

Clinton calls for return to talks

President Clinton last night called on both sides to return to the negotiating table and resume the peace process. The US, which was caught totally unaware by completion of the Jerusalem tunnel, is considering sending an envoy to the Middle East.

The loss of life over the past few days "points to the urgency for both sides to take positive steps to resolve the issues that divide them," Mr Clinton said.

The Foreign Office, in an unusually blunt criticism of Israel said "actions such as the opening of the tunnel ... have caused suspicion and disquiet". It urged leaders on both sides to do all in their power to cool the

Backstage battle Leading article.

occupied by Israeli forces, declared that only closure of the exit could halt the bloodshed.

Palestinians said that in addition to talks about stopping the fighting. Mr Arafat was seeking guarantees about implementation of the peace deal negotiated by the previous Labour Government. Arab diplomats said there was a possibility of a meeting in Cairo at the weekend.

The Erez checkpoint between Gaza and Israel, where the only previous meeting between the two leaders took place, was transformed into a battlefield. Israeli troops there came under heavy automatic fire as

they used a lorry to rescue an Israeli TV cameraman critically wounded in crossfire.

In the Palestinian town of Nablus, Palestinian police stormed Joseph's Tomb, a Jewish seminary, after a fierce gun battle with Israeli troops. Two Israeli soldiers were killed before a tank evacuated the remaining soldiers. Palestinians then ransacked part of the seminary.

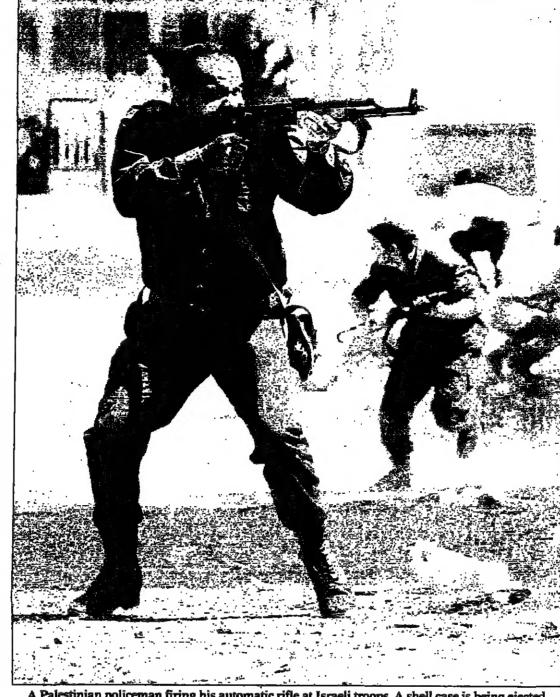
According to Palestinian witness-es, some of the Palestinian forces protected the trapped soldiers. General Uzi Dayan of the Israeli Army said a "real battle" took place

around the tomb. In many cases Palestinian police opened fire after they saw demonstrators killed and wounded by Israeli fire. "We are defending our hearts. Jerusalem is our heart," one Palestinian officer said as he joined

a gun battle in Gaza. By nightfall at least 39 Palestin-ians and II Israelis had been killed. "It is a picture of war," said Israel Army radio as the fighting spread from the Gaza Strip, where thouish settlements, to the West Bank.

Many of the Palestinians seemed to almost revel in the idea of "martyrdom" as they attacked heavily-armed Israelis with stones and bottles. The mobs in Gaza, marching on the isolated Jewish outpost of Netzarim as women settlers and their children cowered in bomb shelters, chanted: "The army of Muhammad is back." They attacked with firebombs, bottles and

One settler, Michael Steinbaum, told Israel radio by mobile telephone: "The women and children are in the shelter here praying and the men are outside fighting. There



A Palestinian policeman firing his automatic rifle at Israeli troops. A shell case is being ejected

are Palestinian snipers on rooftops aiming at us."

At Kfar Dorom, another outpost attacked by Palestinians, onlookers saw a boy aged about 13 pick up a rifle from an injured Palestinian policeman and continue firing. Israel radio said that the settle-

ment of Nissanit in the northern

Gaza Strip was briefly evacuated, but male settlers later returned. Many of the sites of the worst fighting were biblical, indicating the religious factor that has re-entered the conflict. Israeli commentators

ahead with opening the tunnel exit. Shimon Peres, the former Labour Prime Minister, also blamed the Government but dismissed as "speculation and gossip" reports that he was laying the groundwork yesterday blamed Yehud Olmert, for an attempt to form a national the right-wing Mayor of Jerusalem. unity government in an attempt to for pressing Mr Netanyahu to go salvage peace talks.

Gas users get final warning before

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of people are getting final warnings from British Gas that they will be disconnected even though they have not received a bill.

Red notices threatening disconnection are being sent to good payers around the country as a new billing system has thrown the company into a fresh round of chaos and

controversy. British Gas, whose full national billing system has been operating for just a few weeks, has blamed the Government's demands for it to open up the gas market to competition for it having to rush through a

nationwide billing operation. Computer glitches in the £150 million system are sending out reminders, which warn of cutting off supplies, often before a bill is sent out. Hundreds of customers are also querying the amounts of the bills they do receive.

In East Anglia and eastern England 12,000 customers have received reminders without a bill while in South Yorkshire, London and the Southeast, batches of several hundred customers have been similarly affected. The Gas Consumers Council has received complaints about wrong reminders at six of its 11 offices in the past two months.

Customers' anger and fear over the disconnection has been sharpened because of severe difficulties in getting through to British Gas on the telephone. Its phone service is failing to meet the huge demand generated by customers' complaints with many gening a constant engaged tone or answerphone.
British Gas said: "The mag-

nitude of the billing system means we have had some teething problems. We understand that this is causing difficulties and that people Continued on page 2, col 5

Farmers reap record profits

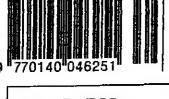
Farmers in England have just had their most profitable year, thanks to high produce prices, world shortages and EU aid payments. Average net farm income increased by 29 per cent to a record £363 a

But this year plummeting wheat and potato prices and a slump in beef sales will hit

Merson back in England squad

Paul Merson, the Arsenal forward who has overcome problems with drink, drugs and gambling, was recalled by England for the World Cup qualifying match against Poland at Wembley on October 9. The 23-man squad also includes the former captain Page 44

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Duchess to fight in court

THE Duchess of York has decided to take her battle to block a book about her private life into open court, her solicitors announced yesterday. The decision came a day after she learnt, after a High

Court ruling, that such a hearing would mean the prospect of public questioning her former relationships. She must also find £500,000

as security for any damages that might be won by her former friend, Dr Allan Starkie, and publishers Michael O'Mara Books Ltd, if the 10-day court hearing, starting on October 7, goes against her. Friends said yesterday that

she was determined to fight on. Jeffrey Schneider, her American spokesman, was asked if that meant she was prepared to go into the witness box and face questions about her private life. He said: "The decision speaks for itself."

Geldof in fight over children after raid on ex-wife's home

By Michael Horsnell and Stewart Tendler

BOB GELDOF, the former pop singer and entrepreneur, last night launched an emergency High Court action in the Family Division following a police raid on the home of his former wife, Paula Yates, in which opium was allegedly found.

The couple's three children currently live with their mother and her new lover, the singer Michael Hutchence.

The Live Aid campaigner appeared for 30 minutes before a judge in chambers at 6pm over the future of the children. As he left court, he refused to comment. "You know I don't talk about this

sort of thing boys," he said. Miss Yates, who was in Australia with Hutchence, was represented at the hearing. In a statement they expressed "complete surprise" that drugs had allegedly been found in their Chelsea home following a tip-off.

Scotland Yard said police were examining substances removed on Wednesday by drugs squad officers from the Yates-Hutchence home in Redburn Street.

Geldof, 41, who is believed to be with his children - Fifi Trixibelle. 13. Peaches. six. and Pixie, four, while their mother is abroad - lives



Geldof: court moves

nearby in the £300,000 house in which Hutchence used to live. Ms Yates, 34, and Hutchence are with their daughter Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily in Sydney visiting relatives and friends of the

INXS singer.

Geldof is no stranger to the High Court. He fought a bitter divorce settlement with Ms Yates after their marriage broke up when she met Hutchence two years ago. In a bizarre settlement, the former Boomtown Rats lead singer vacated the house in Redburn Street to make way for Ms Yates and Hutchence.

It is thought police will await the couple's return before trying to interview them. The couple's nanny is thought to have made a statement. Last night The Sun newspaper confirmed that it was suspending Ms Yates's weekly column pending the outcome of the police inquiry.

TOMORROW

Prescott: my life with Blair

WORKING as number two to Tony Blair can be frustrating and exasperating and some-times it is a "bumpy ride", according to John Prescott,

Labour's deputy leader occasionally races down the two flights of stairs between their offices at Westminster to 'have it out" with Mr Blair if he disagrees with what he is doing or saying.

But they get on well together and. Mr Prescott says, "it's

good to work for a leader who knows what he wants." A graphic description of the working relationship between Mr Blair and Mr Prescott appears in The Times Magazine tomorrow in interviews with Mr Prescott and other

Labour figures. Mr Prescott says it is his "right" to tell Mr Blair what he thinks of things.

Five apples a day keep the cardiac surgeon away

By JEREMY LAURANCE

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT SEVERAL apples a day - or any kind

of fruit - will keep the cardiac surgeon away, researchers have Eating fresh fruit every day cuts the risk of dying from a heart attack by

almost a quarter and from a stroke by

increased their life expectancy by 20 per cent compared with those who ate fruit less frequently. The findings of the study of 11,000 people, who were followed for 17

years, adds to evidence that regular consumption of fruit helps to prevent cancer. At least five items, such as an apple or orange, a day are recommended. Phytochemicals in the fruit almost one third, a study has shown.

Overall, those who are fruit daily are known to alter almost every stage in the development of cancer but the

mechanism by which it affects heart disease is less well understood. The results of the study, published

in the British Medical Journal, were unexpected. Dr Timothy Key and colleagues at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit at Radeliffe Infirmary, Oxford, who started the study in the 1970s, say they had expected to find that heart disease rates were lowest in those who ate a high fibre or vegetarian diet. Although

these diets were associated with lower heart disease rates, daily consumption of fruit had a much bigger impact. Matthew Gillman, assistant profes sor at Harvard Medical School.

Boston, Massachusetts, says in a commentary in the BMJ that the challenge now is to increase consumption of fruit and vegetables among children. Professor Gillman says national strategies are now required to promote the "five a day" target.

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Flurry of flutterings escorts the Lib Dems safely on their way

fly, a red admiral, has been trapped within the hangar of a conference hall where Liberal Democracy has gath-

Sometimes it has fluttered above the heads of the delegates - a collection of goodhearted, free-spirited people such as no other party can boast. It fluttered energetically yesterday at the words "the right to be different — the right not to conform - is the main reason we joined this party. from a lady in Taunton in a

Sometimes it has fluttered around the lights of bored camera crews: representatives of a media crowd troubled, all of us, by the vague feeling that we ought to be somewhere else. For hours at a stretch, it seems, my eyes and attention have followed the butterfly. Whole swaths of key debates are, for this sketchwriter, memories only of a butterfly's aerial display.

Well into a good speech yesterday by Alan Beith, MP, the party's deputy leader, the

If week at Brighton a two-piece Marks & Spencer butterfly had me transfixed again. Shockingly, Mr Beith again. Shockingly, Mr Beith actually used the word "liberalism" - not the liberal-ism of brave moderns such as Tony Blair who gun down ideology with killer hyphens - and was

But it is hard to take the new Beith seriously. He has been Someone has told him to look relevant. This being British Fashion Week, Mr Beith had discarded his funeral director's suit and tripped in wearing what looked like a Paul Smith design: three-piece



deconstructed Edwardian. His delivery, too, aimed at the upbeat. Gone was his schoolmasterly drone; instead, he would suddenly and intermittently shout out passages of his text. The choice of passage seemed random. With the Liberal Democrats YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE." he bawled, surprisingly. We felt embarrassed - like when

granny suddenly rants at the dinner table. I stared at my Agenda - Motion F460: Stay Away From Myanmar (Bur-ma), this Conference urges the British people [to avoid Bur-ma] from November 18 to the end of the dry season" - then

at the butterfly.
The butterfly was still there for Baroness Williams of Crosby's speech: Shirley Williams was the conference cigarette, as it were, after Mr Beith's climax. I was musing over a noticeable influx into the hall of a group who looked like thirtysomething gay men when it struck me that they had heard media talk of the arrival of Shirley, and supposed it would be Shirley

The redoubtable and indefinably doolally Lady Williams, suited in buttermilk, delivered a heartening speech hardly a line of which bore any resemblance to the prereleased text. Perhaps she

Heathrow after her flight from America yesterday. Jane Ashdown, apparently

in a crystal tiara but on second glance wearing her spectacles over her hair, applauded politely. Then her husband sprang upon us a little surprise souffle of a final rallying call. It was scripted to end "Good luck. And good campaigning." but then Mr Ashdown sensed a dramatic hiatus and, unwilling to cry go back to your constituencies and prepare for government"

political world may have changed out of recognition. A beleaguered Blair and Ashdown may be enmeshed in fruitcake plans for de-tribalising politics. Squabbling about whether Mr Ashdown can be Education Secretary. A Liberal Democrat conference will then be a different affair. We may look back in disbelief at that anticlimatic "have a safe journey home", amazed at our lack of any sense of an era closing. I found the exit. So, I hope, added "have a safe journey has the butterfly.

Birt angers staff with apology for Clarke interview

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

JOHN BIRT, the Directoraccused last night of caving in to pressure from the Conservative Party after apologising for shortcomings in an Anna Ford radio interview with Kenneth Clarke.

Senior presenters at the BBC were mortified by the decision of Mr Birt, conveyed yesterday in a letter to Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, to uphold the complaint against Ms Ford. Dr Mawhinney had said that Ms Ford, who had repeatedly interrupted the Chancellor. had been "openly hostile" on

Radio 4's Today programme. He claimed that Ms Ford's final comment, in which she said to Mr Clarke "So you are not going to elevate the dewas a "disgraceful lapse from impartiality". Yet

moments later Tony Blair had been treated with "kid gloves" by James Naughtie, another Today presenter, Dr Mawhinney claimed.

Ms Ford, who was shown the text of Mr Birt's letter last Friday, has not been reprimanded. The presenter, who has told colleagues the interview was not satisfactory. declined to comment.

The leak of Mr Birt's confidential letter is a significant victory for the Conservatives. It prompted angry protests from Labour at a time when broadcasters are facing increasing pressure in the runup to the election.

A senior BBC presenter said last night: "We feel let down. I would have hoped there would have been more support from on high." Mr Birt said in his letter: "The Editor of the



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programme has already made clear his view that there were more interruptions than were appropriate and, with hind-

sight, Anna Ford agrees." Mr Birt denied that her final challenge had been intended as a statement of her personal view, but he admitted: "There is no doubt that the end of the interview was unsatisfactory.' He said that the interview with Mr Blair did test the Labour leader.

He concluded: "Despite these shortcomings, my view is that Mr Clarke, robust as ever, was not inhibited from putting over his points to Today's audience."

Brian Wilson, Labour's campaign manager, said: "The BBC has openly complained for some time about what it calls undue pressure from political parties. Now, with an attack from Brian Mawhinney, it has

The controversy has caused tension between Mr Naughtie and Ms Ford, who is not noted aggressive interviewing. He is furious at being dragged into the complaint. It is better to be accused of being too hard than too soft," said a

The BBC denied that Mr Birt's letter constituted an apology. "There is no mention of an apology in this letter, and no direct criticism of Anna Ford," a spokesman said.



Not biting: Adams at the launch of his book at the Irish Centre in Camden yesterday

Angling British media fails to bring Adams to book

BY ALAN HAMILTON

looked every inch the success-

ful American first-novelist on

He had planned a press

conference within the pre-cincts of the Palace of West-

minster with the Labour MPs

Jeremy Corbyn and Tony

Benn, but after Tony Blair's

intervention, he had to make

do with the patch of grass

across the street. He was late,

his heavily-built minders, mo-

bile telephones glued to their

ears, paced the grass as they tried to establish his where-

abouts. He had, it transpired,

It was soon time to move on

to the main grilling of the day, which had been hastily re-

scheduled to an Irish social

dub in Camden Town. A

barrage of cameras, mikes and notebooks awaited. The

man from Heinemann, Mr

Adams's publisher, declared

that the autobiography was "a

been meeting Mr Corbyn.

his European promo tour.

TRYING to get a straight answer out of Gerry Adams is not to offer a new initiative on the peace process, but to like nailing jelly to the ceiling. publicise his autobiography, He is, in other words, a Before The Dawn. In a sharp consummate politician. dark suit and silk tie, with well-barbered beard and He spent yesterday in shock of neat black hair, he

London allowing himself to be baited by the British media, slithering through the muddy waters of the Northern Ireland peace process like a glinting pike but refusing to swallow any hooks. What he said he has said many times before, but not often standing in front of Big Ben.

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Mr Adams was in London

Very well, Mr Adams, why in an allegedly factual book did you include a supposedly fictional account of the killing of a British Army officer? "I thought it important, in trying to achieve a sense of a community under occupation,

of how some members of that community respond to armed action." Was it based on a real event, Mr Adams? No. Have you ever squeezed a trigger in the manner described in your book, Mr Adams? No. Who would say were your major literary influences, Mr

Adams? Oh, Liam O'Flaherty. Frank O'Connor. Roddy Doyle, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and P.G. Wodehouse. Partion? What will happen to the royalties you earn? Royalties

from my previous books have gone to republican prisoners, but this time they will come to me, and what I do with them is a private matter.

Why don't you sue newspapers which brand you a former member of the IRA, Mr Adams? I can't afford to, but I

O'Neill's girlfriend linked to Basque separatists

By EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID AND ADRIAN LEE

THE Spanish girlfriend of the IRA suspect shot dead in Hammersmith has strong links with the Basque separatist movement. Karmele Ereno placed a death notice for Diarmuid O'Neill in the newspaper Etin, which supports the aims of the Basque terrorist group Eta.

Señora Ereno is a member of the separatist club in her home town of Amorebieta. near Bilbao. The death notice is accompanied by a picture of an Irish tricolour. It reads: "Ginger. Killed by English police, London, September 23. We'll never forget you. Friends from Amorebieta."

The Spanish Interior Ministry said it was investigating Señora Ereno's background as speculation grew that she may be a go-between between the IRA and Eta, which have strong links.

Herri Batasuna, ETA's political wing, confirmed that there had been a "close friendship" between Señora Ereno and the suspected IRA terrorist, who are believed to have shared a flat in Hammersmith. O'Neill knew that she was a separatist collaborator. a spokesman said.

She is a familiar figure at the People's Tavern, the separatist club in Amorebieta. A member confirmed that she was in Spain. Her brother works for a local aluminium company.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said: "We are checking out this woman to see if there was an order to search for and capture her. But at the moment she is a bit of a mystery."

Señora Ereno gave notice to quit her £130-a-week flat in Hammersmith last November and O'Neill. 27, took over the tenancy. Neighbours said that Señora Ereno, who is in her 20s, had not been seen for about two months. "She was a pretty, slim girl with short

MENSIVERIES Winning attacks media 'frenzy'

Roman Catholic Church leaders in Scotland announced last night that they would no longer respond to "specula-tive" media inquiries about the Roderick Wright affair.

In an open letter to editors. Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of the Scottish church, sought to draw a line under the scandal. Speaking on behalf of Scotland's seven bishops. he said: "We will no longer participate in satisfying the speculative demands of the media."

The media "frenzy". particularly from tabloid newspa-pers, had prevented the church from doing its normal work. Churchmen and relatives of Bishop Wright and Kathleen MacPhee had been harrassed by reporters. He had to call police to his own home twice.

Welfare spending rises by £6 bn

Spending on the welfare state rose from £83 billion in 1994-95 to £89 billion last year despite a fall in the number of jobless. Social security officials say more people were claiming a whole range of benefits. They predict the demand will continue to rise as a result of an ageing population ber of single-parent families.

Police cleared of brothel charge

Gloucester police have been cleared of an allegation that officers regularly used the home of Frederick and Rosemary West as a brothel. The independent Police Complaints Authority said no evidence had been found to support the charge made by Sharon Compton, a friend of Alison Chambers, who was murdered by the Wests.

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Libel date set for conference

The "cash for questions" libel trial at which John Major and Michael Heseltine may have to give evidence looks likely to open on October 7, the day before the Conservative Party conference begins in Bournemouth. Tory MP Neil Hamillon is suing The Guardian over allegations that he re-ceived £2,000 for tabling parliamentary questions.

Legal aid pledge

to battered wives Domestic violence disputes and cases where children need protection will be a priority for legal aid under proposed reforms. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said. Once he was able to fix the budget for legal aid, now standing at El.4 billion, he could direct the money to where it was most needed.

Corbyn and Benn still face party disciplinary action

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Labour leadership last night refused to rule out disciplinary action against Jeremy Corbyn and Tony Benn, even though their meeting with Gerry Adams at the House of Commons was

cancelled. The two MPs had been threatened on Wednesday with ejection from the parliamentary party if vesterday's meeting with the Sinn Fein president went ahead. Mr Adams pulled out of the meeting early yesterday and instead held private talks with

During media interviews,

Mr Adams prompted fresh controversy by saying that he was pleased only one person had been killed during this week's police operation in London. Mr Adams said he had never met Diarmuid O'Neill, the suspected terrorist who was killed, but repeated his call for questions to be answered about the circum-

stances of his death. We are now being told there was no gunfire, that the only shots fired were the shots that killed him," he said. "The spin put out by those who

has been found to be the total opposite of what has occurred."

Mr Adams said Mr Corbyn and Mr Benn had been put in an untenable position and accused the Labour leadership of conducting a "McCarthystyle witch-hunt". Donald Dewar, the Labour

Chief Whip, said that good sense had prevailed. Senior Labour sources said that Mr Dewar would wait to see what happened over the next few days before deciding whether action needed to be taken against the two left-wing MPs.

Gas billing confusion

Continued from page 1 cannot always reach us easily." Telecommunications experts were working to resolve

the problems. British Gas has already pumped an extra E6 million into trying to smooth out the system which now unites billing across the country, replacing the previous 60 regional computer centres.

lan Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "British Gas faces serious system difficulties which are causing distress to tens of thousands of customers at a time when competitors are waiting in the wings."

The billing crisis follows news this week that British Gas's service is also in difficulties and failing to respond to large numbers of calls over service contract repairs. Complaints against British Gas are now so high that the Gas Consumers Council said it

was having to close some of its offices periodically to eatch up with backlogs.

Customers in Doncaster. South Yorkshire, who had problems getting through to British Gas over mistaken red reminders were also unable to reach their Gas Consumers Office which had been forced to close through overwork. The bills of several hundred customers in Doncaster had not been issued because the computer had skipped a

postcude. Since April when larger winter bills started to be issued the Gas Consumers Council has received 1.756 complaints about meter reading and billing delays,

British Gas said it sends out 76 million bills a year and that the problems involved a tiny proportion. The billing difficulties we have are not to do with staffing but with technolugy and our networks."

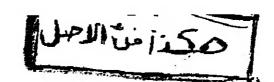
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Yachtsman dies in gun battle with **Albanians**

By Tim Jones and Harvey Elliott

A BRITISH businessman has been shot dead after trying to fight off Albanian bandits boarding his yacht. Keith Hedley, 57, died in the arms of his companion early yesterday on his motor yacht Carenia, which was moored at the Greek island of Corfu.

Local sources said Mr Hedley, from Kent, died in crossfire when a fierce shootout developed between police and the raiders, who were armed with automatic weapons. The couple and two other friends were thought to have heen asleep when they were woken by the Albanians, who had crossed the sea in a speedbout. At their narrowest point, the straits are eight Mr Hedley is understood to



have confronted the four men as they tried to cut out the yacht's tender. After a brief scuffle, Mr Hedley, his companion and friends are understood to have been restrained by the Albanians as they boarded the yacht and began ransacking it.

As they were being held prisoner, police were called and Mr Hedley, director of a building company, died in the ensuing gun battle. According to one unconfirmed account, he had tried to frighten the Albanians away by shooting at them with his shotgun at the Gouvia Marina. close to Corfu's main harbour, Last night Kent police said they had been asked by the Foreign Office to inform Mr Hedley's

Boats moored in Corfu have

increasingly become key targets for a growing number of Albanian drugs and illegal immigrant smugglers. The comparative wealth of the island has proved a magnet and a source of intense frustration - to Albanians trying desperately to improve their own standard of living.

Three months ago British tourists in the Club Med resort at Nissaki on the island's northern coast cowered as a group of bandits sprayed bullets into the walls. One of the Albanians was swimming towards two speedboats to untie them when he was spotted by one of an increasing army of security guards who shot into the air to frighten them. Britons with holiday homes on the island have also been

attacked: Lord Rothschild had two power boats stolen from his garden, one of which belonged to Lord Sainsbury. So far the attacks have not damaged the reputation of Corfu, which is recovering from the effects of too much cheap accommodation, especially in the village of Benitses. Corfu became known as the Majorca of Greece and has some of the most attractive countryside in the Mediterranean. It was particularly pop-ular with wealthy Britons and cricket is still played on the main square. The Duke of Edinburgh was born there.

A lifeboat is to be dedicated to two British sailors murdered on a yacht they were crewing in the Caribbean. A ceremony at Bembridge on the Isle of Wight will mark the

Tom in memory of lan Cridland and Tom Williams. They and the American passengers on Computa-Center Challenger, John and Kathy Clever, were murdered in 1994 when three Antiguans boarded it off the island of out a robbery. They shot

dedication of the 16 ft inshore

craft, to be named Criddy and



Wayne Hemingway's Red Or Dead show, inspired by the mix of London streetlife

Shopgirls bring high street cred to the catwalk

By Grace Bradberry, style editor

THE entire fashion world may be looking to Britpop and so-called Britfash for inspiration but yesterday the streetwear label Red Or Dead confounded everyone by turn-ing to the East and the Indian subcontinent instead.

The designer Wayne Hem-ingway cited Bollywood and the cultural and racial mix of London streetlife as his inspirations for London Fashion Week. There were crocheted tops suited to a chilly English summer worn over ankle-length negliges. Shalwar kameez tunics were layered over tiered bloomers.

But the real surprise was the models. Half of them were blue-eyed blonds, the others were Asians of whom many had not come from model agencies at all. Jo Phillips. the show's stylist, revealed that she had scoured the streets of Southall and other racially mixed suburbs in search of beautiful but "ordinary" girls

"I rang every model agency that there was and then I began sending posters to hair-dressers and shops," Miss Phillips said. Among the professional models used in this East meets West show were Nifa and Nishan, 6ft twins aged 18 who are half Fijian and half British.

Fashion buyers who have seen several big-name girls this week, including Honor Fraser and Emma Balfour, were stunned to see men and women clearly not from the fashion world appearing in the marquees at the Natural History Museum. One of the male models simply could not keep his Scholl sandals on and had to retrieve them twice on his way down the catwalk. The audience was also surprised by the clothes. With so much talk about Britpop, film crews, buyers and glamour groupies from around the world have come to London this week expecting to see the

sort of designs that Blur, Oasis and Pulp might wear. But according to Heming-way. Britpop is moving on to and he wanted to reflect this. The timing has been perfect. with Kula Shaker |an Asian influenced band| reaching number one just recently." he said. He added that his influences came from Britain rathexcited by going to Southall or wandering around Wembley, than by heading for the East."

His sportswear also showed

influences close to home - the

colours of Tottenham Hotspur football club. Yesterday also saw shows by the more traditional English designers Amanda Wakeley, Roland Klein and Caroline Charles, who made her name in the Sixties, the last time London was swinging. Pearce Fionda, the young British design duo who have only shown two collections previously, attracted huge attention. Representatives of Printemps, the Paris store, and several New York shops arrived at Harrods to see a

wonderfully elegant collection of day-to-evening wear. There were breathtakingly simple sheath dresses with low necklines that draped forward, and very low backs.

Liverpool player misled police over crash

BY KATE ALDERSON

NEIL RUDDOCK, the Liverpool football player, was fined £300 with £200 costs yesterday for obstructing a police inquiry into a crash involving his Porsche. Magistrates were told that one officer accused him of telling "blatant lies".

The central defender, aged 28, who was in the Anfield squad against Finland's MyPa-47 last night, is considering an appeal. Ruddock, in a statement read outside Southport Magistrates' Court by his solicitors, said the case had caused him, his family and Liverpool Football Club a great deal of distress and embarrassment".

The court was told that in January Ruddock spent all afternoon in The Grapes pub at Formby, celebrating a friend's birthday. Anthony Clarke, from Ainsdale, took the keys to Ruddock's £57,000 Porsche Carrera 911 for safe keeping. In the evening Mr Clarke showed the car to Lesley Richards, 17. He drove off at speed but lost control on the A565 Formby bypass. Witnesses said the car, which was written off, crossed the central reservation and hit trees.

PC Ian Barlow of Mersey side Police said that Ruddock, of Formby, Merseyside, twice told police that the car had been stolen. The footballer was arrested after providing a positive breath-test. Deborah Birrell, for the prosecution, said: "Police believed, erroneously, he was the driver of the

On February I. Ruddock admitted to police he had given the car keys to Mr Clarke. "I didn't want to be a grass," he said. "I know I was wrong but I had a few beers." PC Barlow told Ruddock

that his earlier statement had been blatant lies. He replied: 'Not blatant lies. I just didn't tell you what I knew."

Clarke admitted obstructing the police, careless driving and driving without insurance. His case was adjourned until October 24. At a separate hearing, Richards, now 18, admitted obstructing police and was fined £50.

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Women who would die to have a model figure

omen who say that they would die to have the figure to wear this year's designers' collections fail to realise that the pills some of them take to achieve this aim could put the statement to the test, for

slimming pills can be lethal. Reviewers have been eestatic about designs shown during the current London Fashion Week. Outfits have been described as stunning. ling and outrageous. Outrageous because they leave so



much of the models uncovered and because the look is one of elegant slimness that can be aspired to, rather than of childlike skinnyness. Photographs of the models will encourage many young women to think that, with a bit

more resolve, and a few more pills, they too could have a model's figure.

Recent research, reported in the New England Journal of ground of 95 patients with slimmers, the cause is often primary pulmonary hyperten- unknown. Primary pulmo- in young women.

tion, showed that nearly a third of those affected by it had taken appetite suppressants prescribed by their doctors. Pulmonary hypertension is a condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries leading to the lungs is increased. Usually the disease is secondary to long-standing lung disease, but in primary pulmonary hypertension,

sion, a rare but deadly condi-nary hypertension affects women five times as often as men and usually is obvious at 35. Within two to five years of diagnosis the majority of sufferers have died, either from sudden collapse or progressive heart failure.

Slimming pills have been condemned for being habit forming and as a cause of agitation, depression and insomnia. It seems that they will also have to be thought of as a cause of sinister heart failure

stunt-rider emerges from coma

By BILL FROST

EDDIE KIDD, the motorcycle stunt-rider who suffered severe brain damage in an accident last month, has emerged from what his doctors feared might be a ten-year coma.

After a hospital visit yesterday, his family said that Kidd. 37. was expressing emotion by "squeezing the hands of nurses and relatives". The stunt rider was thrown from his machine while trying to leap 50ft over a speeding car at a bikers rally in Warwickshire on August 11. He lost control after completing the jump and plunged 20ft down an earth bank.

Kidd was initially treated at Warwick Hospital but was moved to the nearby Royal Learnington Spa Rehabilita-tion Hospital. After seven weeks on a life-support machine he is breathing indepen-dently and beginning to recognise and respond to people around him. The hospital said that Kidd was still at an early stage of recovery and could be left with mental or physical impairment.

His agent Bruce Benson said he thought that Kidd's fighting spirit and fitness would help him to make a full recovery. He will come recovery. The will come through this. I strongly believe that, and my prayers and thoughts are with him."

Motorcycle | Child sex attacker captured on M6

By Russell Jenkins and Kate Alderson

POLICE recaptured a dangerous child sex attacker yesterday 30 hours after he had escaped from a hospital in

Birmingham. John Mayes, 45, a convicted paedophile, was spotted by a motorist wandering along the hard shoulder of the Mo in Staffordshire and subsequently arrested by a motorway patrol near the Cannock roundabout at junction 11.

A second paedophile, Steve Daggett, 35, convicted of three indecent assaults on young girls but thought to be less of a danger, was still on the run last night from Ashworth Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool, after absconding during a shopping trip on Wednesday.

After Mayes's recapture, the authorities opened an inquiry into how he had been able to evade his male nurse escort and flee from St Margaret's Hospital in Great Barr. MPs expressed their astonishment last night that Mayes, considered by police to be extremely dangerous and violent, was in a hospital for people with severe learning disabilities in-

stead of a secure hospital. Police earlier mounted guard at the gates of primary schools in Great Barr and Walsall, where he had been spotted shortly after his escape. Some head teachers had kept their children inside their classrooms during the day and others had increased security. Mothers, picking up their children, spoke of their

concern. Mayes, who has three previous convictions, was convicted at Stafford Crown Court in 1994 of a serious sex attack on a seven-year-old boy. He was ordered to be treated at St Margaret's, where he was held in a locked ward.

He escaped at 9.30am on Wednesday from the hospital grounds while he was being escorted by a male nurse from the recreational facilities to his ward. He had become agitated and difficult to control.

Mohammed Masood, Mayes's consultant psychiatrist, said that discussions would now take place on whether treatment at the hospital was still appropriate or if he should be moved to a more secure establishment.



Woman choked girl in quest for attention

By Peter Foster

A YOUNG mother who choked babies to the brink of death so that she could be hailed as a heroine when she resuscitated them was convicted of the manslaughter of her own daughter yesterday. A court was told that Nicola Jordan, 20, killed eight-week-old Polly by accidental suffocation.

Exeter Crown Court was told that from the age of 14. Jordan had made a series of attacks on three babies while doing work-experience as a namy. Over the next four years she made four identical attacks on two other children. Investigators handling Jor-

dan's case believe she may have been suffering from Münchausen's syndrome by proxy, a variant of Münchausen's syndrome in which sufferers harm themselves to attract attention. In cases of Münchausen's by proxy, sufferers harm others.

Yesterday, after an 11-day trial, Jordan, of Chard, Somerset, was acquitted of murder and convicted of manslaughter and two counts of grievous bodily harm. The court was told that before her death, the child had been admitted to hospital twice with unexplained breathing stoppages.
Sentence was deferred

Mayes: evaded escort pending reports.

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Surgery sends Queen Mother reeling

By Alan Hamilton

E THE success of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's hip operation has en-ahled her to venture a few steps of that most strenuous activity. Scottish country dancing.

The news was disclosed yesterday by her grandson, the Prince of Wales, during a conversation with councillors in Wick, Caithness. The Prince disclosed that the Queen Mother, who loved dancing, had been able to take part again at an informal ceilidh at Balmoral earlier

this week. She is unlikely to have taken more than a few token steps but the news will offer hope to people who have undergone hin replacement Last November, at the

age of 95, the Queen Mother became one of the oldest patients in the world to have

the surgery.

She is still unable to walk or stand for long periods because of a persistent leg ulcer, and on public occasions resorts to her battery-powered golf cart to move among the crowds. Sources at Balmoral yesterday said the Queen Mother had been absent from the gillies' ball, the principal social event during the Queen's summer holiday, at which members of the Royal Family dance and mingle with castle staff and other local people.

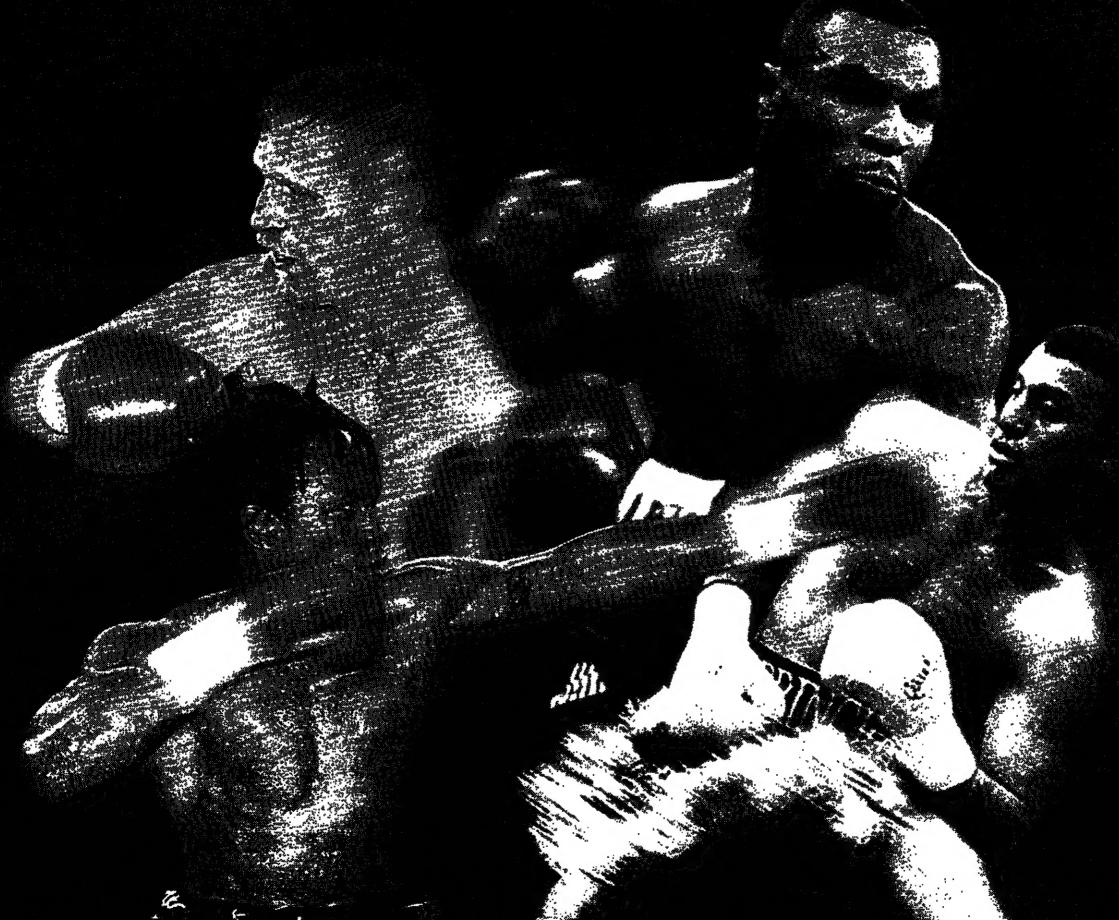
The Prince's disclosure of his grandmother's rediscovered agility, however limited, prompted an immediate recollection from Andy Murray of Highland Regional Council, who met the Prince

during yesterday's visit. Mr Murray remembered seeing the Queen Mother lance at a function in Wick Assembly Rooms 25 years ago, when she was a mere 71: "We were doing the Dashing White Sergeant, which involves moving around the room meeting other dancers. when we came across the Queen Mother in the middle of the crowd. She was having a wonderful time and was a lovely dancer, very light on her feet."

The Prince told Mr Murray: "She's

thrown the sticks away. She's a great dancer. She's incredible, they just don't make them like that anymore." Earlier in the day he told pensioners at a daycare centre in Wick that the hip operation had given his grandmother an extra six years

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Death slide firm faces prosecution

A GIRL aged three died when she hecame trapped by the neck on a children's slide. As a result, safety standards are to be re-examined and the company behind the slide is to be prosecuted.

An inquest was told yesterday that Amy Grieveson slipped and caught her head in a six-inch gap between one of two handles and the top of the slide. She was left hanging until her mother found her unconscious. In spite of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage, Amy died six days later in hospital from brain damage caused by oxygen starvation.

The girl's mother, Kirsty Docking, told the inquest at Newcastle upon Tyne, where she lives, that she had been watching her daughter play on the slide in April before going inside. She said: "After a while I realised I had not heard any noise from her and looked out of the window. She was hanging there uncon-scious and was a funny colour. "At first she looked like she was

standing up but I realised her feet were not touching the ground. She was trapped between the bars at the top of the slide and I had to lift her up to free her. I rang the ambulance and they gave me

I gave her mouth-to-mouth to try to bring her round but she was still unconscious."

Sarah Lavine, a medical con-sultant with the Child Accident Prevention Trust, told the hearing that the slide, made to a design by the Early Learning Centre, complied with current British safety standards but that there were provisions to modify the standard. "That is currently under discussion but was not a provision being looked at when the slide was produced," Dr Lavine said. The new standard would

Amy got her head caught.
This tragic case shows young

children will always use toys and play equipment in a quite unexpected manner. We attempt to make safety standards as tight as possible but it is not always possible to predict what young children will do."

The Early Learning Centre faces court action on Tuesday, brought by Newcastle consumer ction officials under toy safelegislation. Ibrar Sheikh, a technical manager with the Early Learning Centre, said: "The company has never had any other fatality or serious accident with any of its products. We have a complex system to test products. The slide complies with British safety standards and is properly

age-categorised.

"We heard about Arny's case and decided to withdraw the slide from sale so we could make design modifications, We put notices up in shops telling cus-tomers about a free modification kit and advertised it in national papers as well."

Richard Ferry, of Newcastle Trading Standards Department,

When a pathologist examined the child's slide, he found that

she had been trapped in a 6in gap

under one of the two handrails.

The rails were 35in from the

ground and Amy was 33in tall, The Early Learning Centre with-drew the £69.95 slide from sale

on May 2 and reintroduced it

with modifications on May 18. A

safety conversion kit was intro-

said action had been started against the company after labora-tory tests indicated that the slide could be in breach of safety regulations. He said: "Toys should not produce a risk of entrapment or strangulation and proceedings have now begun in

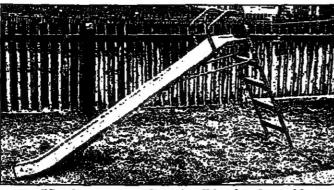
respect of this matter." After the inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the child, Phillip Needham, the company's merchandising direc-tor, said: This has been a very tragic day for us and our thoughts are with Mrs Docking and her family over the loss of Amy. We are a safety-minded company and it is true to say everyone in the industry has been devastated.

This slide has an excellent safety record. It fully meets safety standards and we modified it as soon as we realised what had happened. They are in use every day in our stores and we estimate some two million children a year use them under staff supervision.

"I would agree you cannot take action against every possibility, what with the unpredictability of children, but we try to foresee as many problems as we can. I have three children of my own and know how hard it is to watch their life is absolutely safe, though."



200,000 WERE SOLD: ONLY 30,000 SAFETY KITS HAVE BEEN FITTED



Child walks after school

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A MOTHER has called for an inquiry after her four-year-old daughter walked home on her own when teachers accidentally locked her out of school after playtime. Chloe Parkinson crossed two main roads and walked through a busy one-way system during her half-mile journey home from Chantry Primary School in Gravesend, Kent.

She had not realised that break was over after sitting alone on a climbing frame during playtime. When she discovered that her friends had gone inside, she tried the school doors and found them locked. The child arrived home shortly after llam.

Last week a girl of 212 wandered out of an open door at her playgroup and walked half a mile home along a main road. Sandra Golding was only partly dressed when she arrived home only 30 minutes after her mother, Nicola, had dropped her off at Snodland Community Centre.

Yesterday Lisa Parkinson, 24, said of her child: "I was told that she wasn't seen. What sort of answer is that? Then not accompanying that with an apology t's diabolical.

"The child I thought was safe at school came knocking on my door at Ham. Chloe realised she was locked out and because the playground is open, she was able to leave through school gates which are not locked. She was stopped by a council worker parking his van who thought it was odd that a girl of Chloe's age was walking around alone. She was crying and she told him her name and address. Then he followed her home to make sure nothing happened to her."

The child's grandfather, Alan Parkinson, 57, said: "She also had to walk within one hundred yards of the Thames."

Neighbours have submitted a petition urging greater security at the school. The head, Maxine Havis, said she had been horrified by the incident. "We take the security of the children very seriously. The staff didn't see anybody and thought it was safe to close the doors to stop people

"It has made us more aware. We have been considering security arrangements in the light of keeping people out of the school, now it has made us aware to keep the children inside."

home alone Rise in CJD cases defies locks doors explanation

Cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease are rising by 3 per cent a year but the reason is not known. Statisticians are anxious to find out because of the supposed link between a new variant of CJD and BSE.

New figures have exploded a theory that doctors might cautiously have ordered more postmortem examinations on pa-tients who died from dementia. This makes it more likely the increase is real but experts have not ruled out a statistical blip. The disease is rare, causing an average of 34 deaths a year in a population of 58 million.

Price cut banned

Asda has been banned from selling Alka Seltzer at below retail price. Bayer, its maker, was granted a temporary injunction when Asda, which is trying to abolish price-fixing by drug companies, refused to increase the price by 10 per cent.

Magnetic explorer

It has been confirmed that the explorer David Hempleman-Adams was the first Briton to reach both North and South magnetic Poles. He made a boat trip to the magnetic South Pole in February and reached the magnetic North Pole on skis in May.

Funeral furore

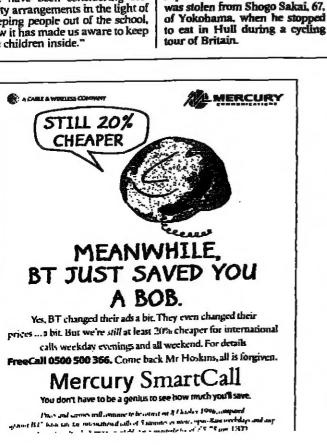
Nineteen men were arrested when fighting broke out between neighbours and mourners attending a wake in a flat. Police said several people were injured at Headington, Oxford, none seriously. All those arrested were in their twenties.

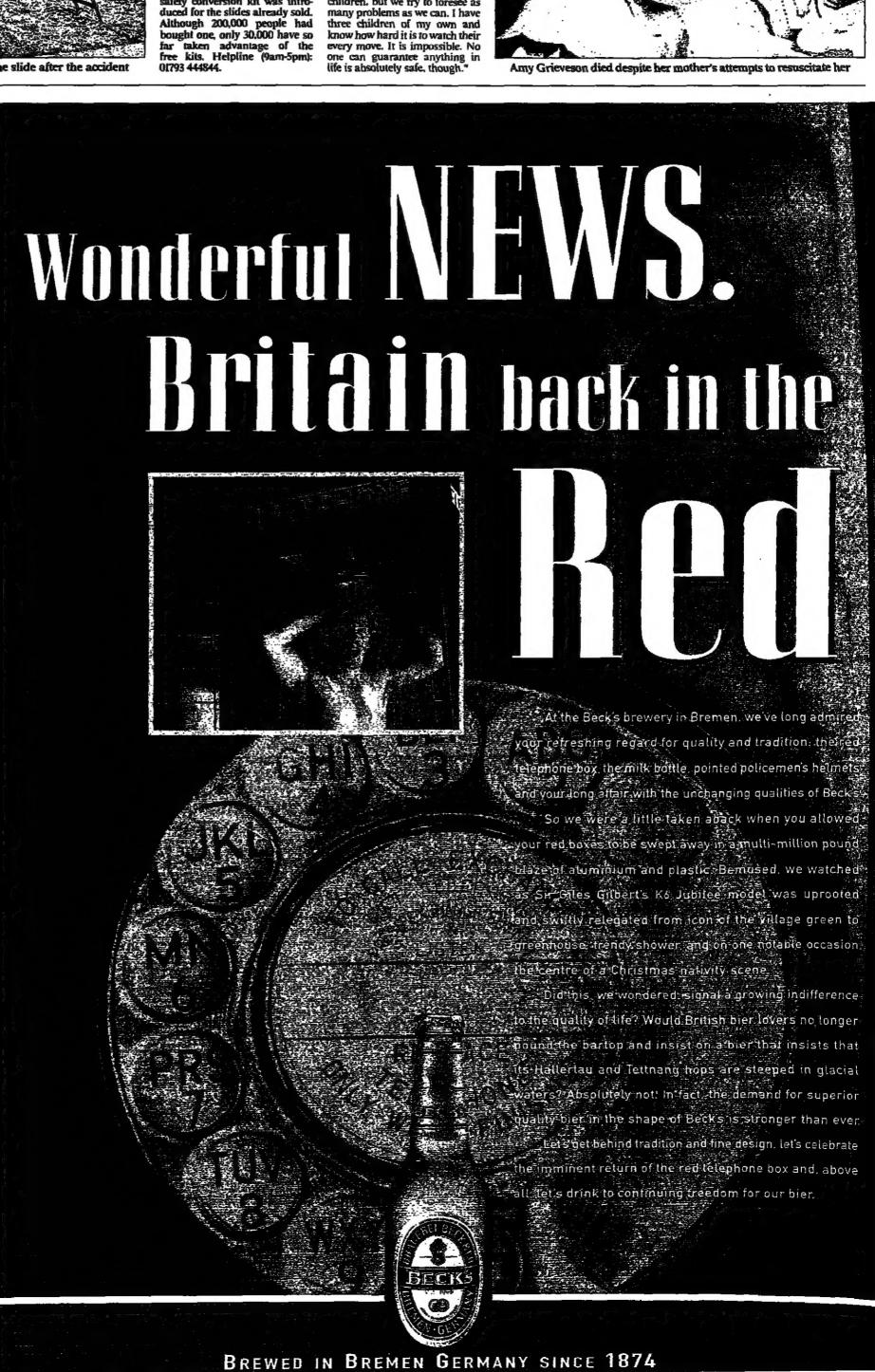
Long-distance call

A message in a bottle has been washed ashore in the Outer Hebrides 13 years after it was ossed from a ship near New York. Don Cunningham and Kathy Pacilo's message was found by Leelah Macaulay, 8, of Ness on the Isle of Lewis.

Back in gear

The owner of a stolen bicycle has been traced by police to his home thousands of miles away in Japan. The £3,000 titanium bike was stolen from Shogo Sakai, 67, of Yokohama, when he stopped





Villagers weed out organic gardener

BY TIM JONES

FOR Tony Woodcock, his small allotment in the Cotswolds was a haven of organic gardening in a chemically laden landscape. But to villagers it was a weed-choked wilderness.

Their views prevailed with the parish council at Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire, and Mr Woodcock, 58, was ordered to vacate the plot during a heated confrontation with Jacqueline Ireland, the council clerk. "I was furious with her and I admit I raised my voice before she asked me to leave," he said.

"Over the last nine years I have worked thousands of hours on the plot and I have never used any chemicals or sprays because I feel it is wrong environmentally."

The new tenant has scythed through the weeds. Mr Woodcock, a wrought-iron worker from Matson, Gloucestershire, says that he may said yesterday: "We have complaints from other growers that thistles were growing three feet high on this land."



Tony Woodcock before the allotment was taken away from him: "I have never used any chemicals or sprays"

Child death rates fall as health and safety improve

By JEREMY LAURANCE

THE health of children under 15 has improved faster over the past 20 years than any other age group, researchers reported yesterday.

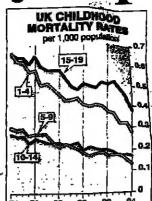
reported yesterday.

Death rates have fallen by 50 per cent in those aged 1 to 14 and by 62 per cent in infants between 1974 and 1994, according to official figures. The only group to show an increase was young men aged 15 to 44, where deaths rose by 5 per cent between 1985 and 1995, chiefly as a result of violence, suicide and Aids.

Karen Dunnell, head of health statistics at the Office of National Statistics, which published the figures in Population Trends, said that the main reasons for the decline were fewer accidents, congenital abnormalities and cases of serious respiratory disease.

The improvement in infant

The improvement in infant mortality — deaths under one year — was largely due to the fall in cot deaths, down 70 per cent between 1988 and 1992.



helped by government advice to put babies to sleep on their backs. Ms Dunnell said: "There has been a continuous improvement in car safety and in measures to slow traffic such as sleeping policemen. There does appear from evidence collected by the police to be a reduction in the severity of accidents and better medical care may be saving more

Despite the fall in the child death rate, parents do not perceive their children's health as improving. During the 1980s, one in five children was reported as having a long-standing illness but in only half was it severe enough to

limit their activities.
Figures in Population
Trends confirm the trend to
smaller families. The average

each woman fell from a peak of three in the 1960s to 1.8 in

1994 and 1.7 last year.
For the past 20 years the fertility rate — the number of children born to women of child-bearing age — has been below the level of 2.1 necessary to replace the population. Births are still exceeding deaths, apart from a blip in 1983, because the baby boom generation of the 1960s is coming to its maximum child producing age, but statisticians expect deaths to exceed

generation of the 1960s is coming to its maximum child producing age, but statisticians expect deaths to exceed births by 2020.

Latest figures show a 33 per centiall in accidents to children between 1990 and 1994. However, a report in the British Medical Journal says that a class divide is opening up in relation to child injury with five times as many children from the poorest social class dying in accidents compared with those in the highest social class. In the early 1980s there was a 3.5-fold difference.

Fire deaths are rising in poorer families and falling in richer families. Dr lan Roberts, director of the child health monitoring unit at the Institute of Child Health says that free distribution of smoke alarms should be considered after a study in Oklahoma City in the United States showed that free alarms prevented an estimated 39 deaths or serious injuries.

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Growing faster north of the border

By A STAFF REPORTER

SCOTTISH children are increasing in height faster than English children. The average height of English children grew by 0.5 cm between 1972 and 1979. In Scotland, over the same period, the average increased by 1.1 cm for boys and 0.9 cm for girls.

In 1990, English girls 1.5m tall weighed half a kilogram more than had their equivalents in 1972. Scottish girls weighed up to 1.7 kg more.

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The average size of households has almost halved this century from 4.6 persons to 2.5. Married couples with no children are most numerous in the South East, East Anglia and the South West. They are least common in inner-city

Cohabiting couples with no children are most common in Greater London and the Home Counties and least so in southern Scotland and northern England. The proportion of live births outside marriage grew from 13 per cent in 1981 to 32 per cent in 1994.

Divorcées embrace Cupid on a Monday

By IAN MURRAY

DIVORCÉES have twice the faith in St Valentine that young lovers do, the latest government survey of population trends discloses.

Researchers plotting the day of the week on which couples chose to marry in 1994 discovered a surge of ceremonies in February on a Monday, normally one of the least favoured days for a wedding. On closer examination they discovered the day was February 14 — St Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day.

The figures were especially high among couples where both partners had been married at least once before, preferred by one in five of those remarrying during the month. Only one in ten of first-time marriages in February took place on the l4th.

ary took place on the 14th.

"This shows an element of
the resilience of romance is
going on, especially among
those who have a failed marriage behind them," John
Haskey, who compiled the
report, Population Trends, for
the Office of National Statistics, said.

Figs bring taste of fading summer

By ROBIN YOUNG

FRESH figs from Turkey and pomegranates from Spain are now in. As autumn chills creep up there are offers on winter vegetables such as carrors, swede and cabbages. Baking potatoes are also on offer. The ideal baker produces a crusty skin and a floury interior. The best are Record, Marfona and Kerrs Pink, Desirée, Maris Piper and King Edward are acceptable. Avoid Nadine, Cara, Romano.

Promotions include:
Asda: stewing steak £2.18 a kg. chickens £3.89 for 2kg, chicken fillets £2.48 for two, papaya 19p each, star fruit 39p each, mango 39p each. Budgens: fresh beef topside/silverside/top rump £4.29 a kg, chicken quarters £1.39 for 550g. Lincolnshire pork chipolatas 59p for 227g. Cornish pasties 49p each, Royal Gala apples 45p lb. Co-op: fresh whole chicken £4.89

for 22g, Cornist passes 4-p each, Royal Gala apples 45p lb.
Co-op: fresh whole chicken 44.89 for 22kg, premium Lincolnshire sausages £1.69 for 800g, onion bhajis 90p for 325g, deep dish rich beef pie £1.26 for 454g, tomatnes 49p for six.

Dewhurst: topside/silverside/top rump £1.99 a lb, gammon steaks

EL99 for 340g, size 3 grade A eggs 39p a dozen.

Harrods: smoked salmon pillow E2.95 for 100g, free-range over-ready geese E8.50 a kg. Munich weisswurst E1.39 for 100g, ostrich sausage £2 for 100g, lamb samosa E1.29 each, Dansyre Blue cheese £12.50 a kg.

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Iceland: chargrilled quarterpounders E1.49 for four, battered
cod fillets £2.99 for four, cod
Normandy 99p for two, smoked
haddock fillets £2.99 for 680g,
button sprouts 79p for 907g, summer fruits flan £1.29 for 4/6

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Marks & Spencer: all beef steaks and joints £2 off, smoked salmon appetisers £5.99 for 18, royal gaia apples £1.39 for six, fruit salad £1.99 for 600g, homestyle lemon drizzle £1.29 each.

drizzle EL20 each.

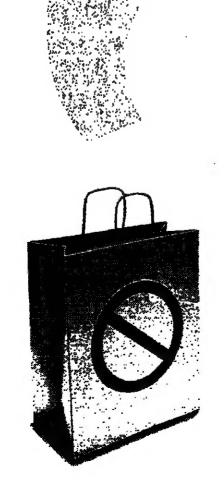
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Brown's top tax rate would cost TV host an extra £300,000

By Marianne Curphey and Susan Emmett

proposals for a 50 per cent top tax rate, the television and radio presenter Chris Tarrant would pay almost £300,000 more on his newly negotiated £3 million salary.

Increasing the top tax band from the current rate of 40 per cent would land Mr Tarrant with a total bill of more than £1.48 million on the three-year contract that he has just signed. The Shadow Chancellor's plans would also mean that Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber - said to earn more than £6 million a year — would pay an extra £600,000 tax, taking his total payment to almost £3 million a year.

Tax experts say that few people earning more than £100,000 would be able to avoid paying more. Loopholes have been steadily closed and there is now such a consider-able body of anti-income tax avoidance rules that it is

virtually impossible to escape.

Among the high earners

who would feel the pinch of a 50 per cent top rate are managing directors of the top 350 FT-SE companies and senior partners and actuaries in law and accountancy firms. Consultants in the National Health Service earn salaries of £30,000 upwards but can more than triple that through

City dealers, heads of fund management divisions and trading department heads will easily take home £100,000 a year, and often two or three times that in bonuses. Top entertainers and musicians bump up their earnings through royalties.

However, even in the Nineties, the number of women in this bracket is low. Few reach the upper echelons of major companies and law or become chief executives of FT-SE 100

Maurice Fitzpatrick, tax specialist at the accountants Chantrey Vellacott, does not believe that a 50 per cent rate

would result in the flight of well-paid executives. He said: "If any of our clients came to us wondering whether they should go offshore to avoid these proposals, we would ask them whether they were prepared to uproot themselves for the sake of an extra 10 per cent

In the past, high-flyers have paid accountants to find ways of converting income into capital gains, so that they can defer or avoid tax. Mr Fitzpatrick says this practice is now much

"In the Seventies, the top rate of tax was 98 per cent, whereas gains were charged at 30 per cent, making it worthwhile to enter schemes that turned income into gains," he said. "Now the top rate of capital gains is 40 per

spend thousands in professional fees in the attempt to turn income into capital gains, with the risk that they could be







Aiming for the top: Gordon Brown's 50 per cent tax rate would cost Chris Tarrant and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber hundreds of thousands of pounds

caught by the considerable body of anti-income tax avoidance rules which are now in

Some executives are still paid in works of art, fine wines and life insurance policies but that practice saves money for the employer, not the employea. They are regarded as a taxable benefit and employees must pay income tax on them at the highest rate. However, employers are exempt from National Insurance contribu-

£3m eases strain of early mornings By Kathryn Knight

THE battle for breakfast radio ratings grew more costly yesterday when Chris Tarrant signed a record £3 million deal with London's Capital Radio.

The three-year deal puts him ahead of his Radio I rival, Chris Evans, whose £1.5 million contract runs only until late 1997. Mr Tarrant's programme claims two million listeners. Mr Evans, who has recently been criticised for the content radio is incredibly exciting. There's lots

and language of his show, has about seven million. Matthew Bannister, head of BBC Radio, warned him on Wednesday about the content of the show.

Mr Tarrant, who worked as an English teacher before beginning a career in regional radio, had been considering giving up the job because of the 5.30am daily alarm call. He said yesterday that it was his love of the work, not the money. that had changed his mind. "Breakfast

am their first point of contact with the overnight news and am able to give

updates as they happen." Mr Tarrant hosts the television show Man O'Man, for which he receives £200,000 a year, and owns an Italian clothing shop that brings in £1 million a year. Martha King, Capital director, said that he was worth the money. "He is still the most popular broadcaster in London," she said.

Ousted head calls for curbs on governors

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE ousted headmistress of a had received the assurances it leading girls' school called for governors of independent schools to be prevented from abusing their powers in the treatment of

Speaking publicly for the first time since her departure from Malvern Girls' College five months ago, Anne Lee said measures were needed to counter the so-called "football manager syndrome" in independent schools. Heads were increasingly vulnerable to dismissal as soon as results or

pupil numbers dipped. Dr Lee is prevented by the terms of her severance agreement from discussing the events that led to her resignation in April. A businesswoman and education consultant with no teaching experience in schools, she clashed with the college governors and left after

less than two years in charge. The school was suspended from the Girls' Schools Association over its treatment of Dr Lee. But John Frith, the chairman of governors, accused the association of acting high-handedly and insisted that the school followed "perfectly good" employment practice. Margaret Rudland, who chairs the association, said it



Lee: now an adviser

POLICE are investigating an

employment agency whose collapse threatens the liveli-

hood of hundreds of teachers

Cornwall are thought to be affected by the demise of First

Quality Supply Teachers, which provided teaching staff

on assignment from at least five offices. Initial inquiries

suggest that up to £500,000

First Quality's founder, Mahmoud el Zalabany, 49, an

Egyptian national also known as Sammy, has not

been seen for at least two

months. It is thought he may

may be at stake.

Schools from Tyneside to

Teachers' wages hit

by agency collapse

By Jon Ashworth

had sought about procedures at Malvern. "Subject to a contract being approved, the way is now clear for the next head to become a member of GSA."

Dr Lee recently became a governor of Queenswood, an independent girls' school in Hertfordshire. She intends to use her new position to campaign for a regulatory framework, possibly with legal powers, covering all school governors. In an interview she said: "The important question is - who governs the governors? There is no doubt that increasing competition has led to more short-termism: a lot of heads believe their governing bodies respond too quickly to the league tables or changes in the roll."

Governing bodies should include parents and be much more open, Dr Lee said. When society is moving towards more democracy and openness, it is a bit of an anomaly that parents and staff cannot find out more about the running of their schools."

Now an education adviser with a variety of clients, Dr Lee said she had not ruled out a return to headship. "It is wonderfully challenging, a very exciting role."

She remained convinced that heads without teaching experience could be accepted by their staff, saying that heads would increasingly need an aptitude for business because the pressures of running a large organisation are similar in some ways, no mat-ter what the organisation is.

But the demands of headship were not fully recognised "It is the least researched and most difficult leadership role I know; no other organisation has as many stakeholders as a school. To co-ordinate the needs and wishes of governors, pupils, parents, the local community and often the church is extremely difficult."

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First Quality was a major contractor to Hampshire County Council, which has been contacted by at least 34 teachers who claim to be owed up to £2,000 each. The agency received payments centrally, then forwarded cheques to teachers on its Police raided First Quality's offices in Southsea, Hamp-

shire, on Wednesday. The telephones had been cut off and there were signs the occupants had left in a hurry. Mail from other First Quality Manchester and Bristol had been redirected. Police are anxious to speak to Jane Spencer, who appears to be a shareholder in First Quality.

DC Peter Davies of Portsmouth Central Police said that, potentially, hundreds of teachers were involved. In addition to Hampshire County Council, First Quality placed staff on assignment with schools in the West Country, the Home Counties. London, Manchester, York-

shire and the North East. Teachers who may have suffered losses are asked to contact Portsmouth Central Police on 01705 321111.

Blair gets poll warning but remains well ahead

Labour's image dented by 'too dominant' leadership

By Peter Riddel

MORE people now regard Labour as too dominated by its leader and divided than at any time for more than three years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, taken over the past weekend, shows that Labour's image has deteriorated on 12 of 14 measures since last crime and law and or

weekend, shows that Labour's image has deteriorated on 12 of 14 measures since last March, while the Tory image has improved on 10 of the 14. This follows a lengthy period when the party images were relatively stable.

Nonetheless, Labour's im-

remains much more favourable, and the Tories' much less favourable, than in September 1991, at the same stage of the last Parliament. For instance, whereas five years ago the Tories were seen as the party most likely to keep its promises, understanding the problems facing Britain, moderate and having sensible policies, now Labour is ahead on these measures. Similarly, whereas in 1991 Labour was ahead on being

Europe is now the single most important issue facing Britain today for Tory supporters, according to the MORI poll. Europe is singled out by 13 per cent of the whole public and is second behind unemployment. But it is mentioned by 22 per cent of Tory supporters, ahead of crime and law and order. It is rated the most important issue by 23 per cent of Tory loyalists and 10 per cent of those who have switched away from the Tories since the least election.

divided and extreme, now the Tories are.

At present, Labour has a big advantage over the Tories on questions of being concerned about people in need and not being out of touch

being out of touch.

A slightly worrying feature for Labour is the recent deterioration in its image. Since last March, the number viewing Labour as divided has risen from 17 to 25 per cent, but 43

per cent now see the Tories as divided. The proportion regarding Labour as too dominated by its leader has increased from 15 to 21 per cent. The number believing Labour has sensible policies has dropped from 25 to 20 per cent. These shifts follow the Tories' summer poster campaign attacking Tony Blair and Labour and its divisions over links with the unions. There has not, however, been much change in the party's share of voting intentions in the past couple of months.

The Tory campaign may have had some impact on new Labour switchers, those who have started to back the party since 1992. The number of these regarding their new party as divided has risen from 13 to 24 per cent since March and there has been a decline from 41 to 28 per cent in the proportion believing that the party looks after the

interests of "people like us".

There has been a modest improvement in the Tories' image this year. Fewer people

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regard the party as out of touch with ordinary people or divided. The Tories have also changed their image for the better among those who have stopped supporting the party since the 1992 election, the target group they are trying to win hack. There have been increases in the proportion of such former Tory supporters thinking the party is moderate (5 to 16 per cent), in the number thinking it has sensible policies (3 to 13 per cent) and in those believing it is professional in its approach (8 to 18 per cent).

As The Times reported yes

terday, the Tories rating has

fallen one point over the past month to 29 per cent with Labour up one point at 52 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats up one point at 14 per cent.

I MORI interviewed 1.800 people from September 20 to 23. Voting intention figures exlude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (9 per cent) or who refused to name a party (3 per cent).

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HOW THE PARTIES COMPARE

Tories need to move beyond mere slogans

The Tory recovery in the polls since the late spring has stalled, but it may be only a pause. The latest MORI poll is a disappointment for the Tories after their "New Labour, New Danger" poster campaign, the divisions within Labour over the unions and the rise in consumer spending and confidence. The party had hoped to have made a bigger dent in the huge Labour lead only seven months before the election. There are, however, some positive findings for the

Tores.

The summer campaign has affected Labour's image, particularly among its new supporters. It may have been party rows rather than the demonic eyes poster but there has been a sharp increase over the past six months in the number of people thinking Labour is too dominated by its leader and is divided.

Tony Blair's personal rat-ing has slipped further, to the lowest of his leadership, at just plus seven points (satis-fied less dissatisfied). Whereas there was a balance of five to one in his favour among Labour supporters in the early summer, it is now three to one. After the fierce criticism of Mr Blair's handling of the referendum on Scottish devolution, more people north of rather than satisifed with his performance as Labour leader. His rating is highest in London and is much higher among men than women. He also does only slightly better among 18 to 24 year olds than John Major. Mr Blair is very much the candidate of middie-class, middle-aged men.

The Tories' image is improving, especially among voters who have deserted the party since 1992. Satisfaction with the Government and with Mr Major personally has improved a little, notably

among Tory supporters.

Most important of all has been the return of the "feelgood" factor. The MORI economic index, measuring those who think that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, is now around balance. It is minus one point

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compared with plus two points at the end of August. But the index tends to be positive only for very short periods when living standards are rising strongly and taxes are cut.

These positive signs should not be exaggerated. Despite the shift in recent months, Labour's image is still much more favourable than the Tories' image on most of the key measures of moderation, concern with ordinary people and party division. Mr Blair's personal rating also remains much better than Mr Major's, and. above all, the Labour lead over the Tories is still vast. At this stage of the last Parliament, the two main parties were level. Now, the Tories are 23 points behind. Even if that is seen is an would still have to recover further, and faster, than any party has previously done in

such a short period.

The poll suggests that while attacking Labour may dent its image, it has not yet shifted votes on a large scale. Yesterday's discussion at the political session of the Cabinet focused on the need for a positive message at the party conference. As I have argued before, the Tories have to justify a fifth term as opposed merely to attacking Labour. Ministers have been told to show where their policies would make a difference over the next few years. Let's see if this gets beyond slogans.

he most intriguing question is how the Tories should play Europe. The poll shows that for more than a fifth of Tory supporters Europe is the most important single issue facing Britain today, ahead of crime, health and education. Passions run high. But any departure from the current compromise approach risks Cabinet resignations and a split that could wreck the Tories' slim remaining chances. Europe is both a prize and a poison.

PETER RIDDELL

Nazi slur raises cheers from SNP

By a Staff Reporter

A SENIOR Scottish nationalist compared a frontbench Labour MP to the Nazi collaborator Lord Haw-Haw in his speech to the SNP's conference

yesterday.

Alex Neil, the SNP's policy vice-convener, was forced to apologise and withdraw the remark about George Robertson, Labour's Scottish spokesman, after an urgent private meeting with his parry leader Alex Salmond, But Labour are demanding a public apology from the nationalist party and Mr Neil's immediate

resignation.

Mr Neil was given a standing ovation at the conference in Inverness when he attacked Labour's policy of holding a referendum on plans for a taxraising Scottish parliament. "George Robertson reminds me of someone who was very prominent during the war," he said. "Lord Haw-Haw was an Englishman employed by Nazi Germany with one sole task — to sap the morale of his own people and undermine their confidence.

"We in Scotland have a new Lord Haw-Haw and his name is George Robertson ... When George tells us we can't



Robertson: accused SNP of desperation

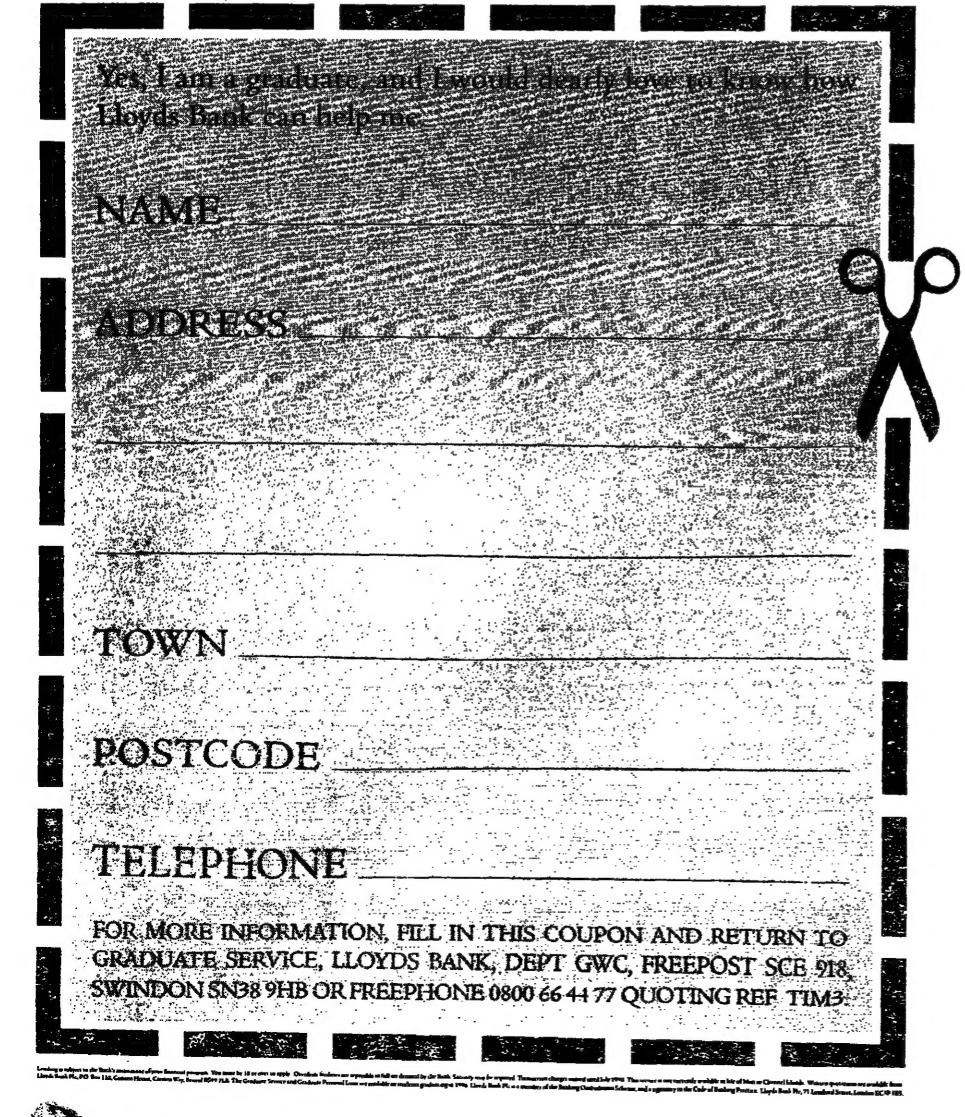
afford to be independent, just you say to George: 'Haw Haw'."

Lord Haw-Haw, whose real name was William Joyce, was born in Amercia of Irish parents. But he was hanged in 1946 after securing a false British passport and working with the Nazis by broadcasting German propaganda from Hamburg.

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Mr Robertson said in a short statement: "It is a sign of real desperation when the SNP stoop to comparing the elected Sconish MPs to Nazi collaborators."



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Harman strives to avoid embarrassing defeat on pensions

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

HARRIET HARMAN has begun a final attempt to save the Labour leadership from an embarrassing defeat over pensions at the party conference

The Shadow Social Security Secretary is trying to head off a high-profile campaign lead by the former Cabinet minister Barbara Castle of Blackburn for significant increases in state pensions. Ms Harman wrote yesterday to union leaders, constituency parties and pressure groups claiming that Lady Castle's demands would commit the party to spend an additional £69 billion by the уеаг 2030.

This week both Lady Castle and Ms Harman argue their case over pensions in the leftwing paper Tribune. On Tuesday, at the Tribune Rally in Blackpool on the eve of the pensions debate, Lady Castle will have another opportunity to enlist support for her plan to raise pensions in line with earnings. She is also calling for the same cash increases in pensions that Neil Kinnock pledged at the last election, and the restoration of Serps.

In a policy paper this summer, Labour angered many party activists by dropping its long-standing commitment for a cash increase in the basic state pension. Unions are still deliberating whether to back a motion including Lady Cas-tle's demands, but there is expected to be strong support from constituencies.

In her letter Ms Harman

also argues that the Castle plan would result in immediate rises in taxation. "There be a need to be an immediate increase in taxation to pay for carnings uprating of benefits," she says. "Labour would have to make a commitment to a tax increase equivalent to 1.5p on income

tax in its first term." Lady Castle's proposals to increase the basic state pension by £5 a week for a single person and £8 a week for a married couple, would cost an additional £3 billion a year, Ms Harman says. Restoring Serps would also commit a future government to huge additional expenditure.

Ms Harman says that Lady Castle's plans are "bad" for Labour because they would prevent a future Labour government tackling any priority areas such as health and education. The party's priority now would be to limit help to Britain's poorest 700,000 pensioners by encouraging them to take up benefits to which they are entitled. The Labour leadership is exploring a mechanism by which these pensioners would get automatic entitlement.

In her article in Tribune Lady Castle argues that if the party fails to raise pensions in line with earnings, the value of the basic state pension will steadily decline and means testing will have to be extended. Lady Castle dismisses Ms Harman's argu-

"Frankly this is just illiter-

ate," Lady Castle says. "State schemes are self-financing because they are contributory and earnings-related contributions rise as earnings rise." Lady Castle claims that Chris Smith, the previous Shadow Social Security Secre-

tary, admitted that the cost of re-introducing the earnings link would be less than £500 million a year. "Gordon Brown is planning to pay much more than that for his 10p starting rate for income tax, which would not help the majority of pensioners who are too poor to pay income Lady Castle argues that new

Labour policy has pushed Serps to the bottom of the pile and says that it must be restored to its original role. This conference is our great opportunity. We must refuse to allow our three demands to be swallowed up in some misty compromise and then we must vote for them."



Baroness Williams delivering the speech that won rapturous applause yesterday

Lib Dems warn Blair to expect a hard bargain

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrat leadership warned Tony Blair yesterday that he would have to make key concessions if be wanted the party's support in

Baroness Williams of Crosby, a prominent member of Paddy Ashdown's campaign team, told activists at the party conference in Brighton that if Labour won power any help would depend on Mr Blair adopting core Liberal Democrat policies.

She won rapturous applause when she said that the party must protect its princi-ples. "We must not exchange them for a handful of government posts. It is our responsibility to hold any new government to them, to support it in achieving them, to remonstrate or even withdraw our support if it fails to attempt them. That is our pledge to our fellow citizens and to the future of our

Lady Williams, a former Labour Cabinet minister, went on: We have the obligation of holding the Labour Party to the policy, prin-ciples and beliefs that we Liberal Democrats hold to be

precious and indeed more important than anything

In responding with such enthusiasm to Lady Wil-liams's end-of-conference speech, party activists reinforced their warning to Mr Ashdown to be wary of closer links with Labour. He has said that he is prepared to cooperate if Mr Blair moves further towards the Liberal Democrats on issues such as education, constitutional re-

form and devolution. Yesterday he told the con-ference that the party would continue to fight Labour in every constituency and would discourage tactical voting. "Our message is quite straightforward: the more Liberal Democrats you elect, the more Liberal Democrat

policies you get."
But he indicated reluctance to distance himself from Labour, saying: "The first lesson ways of exercising power and influence. Rule nothing in rule nothing out, Keep all options open - and campaign

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Harriet Harman and Baroness Castle, who will

MPs highlight Labour split on single currency

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR Party divisions over a single currency were exposed yesterday when a group of MPs set out the positive case for Britain's participation.

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Giles Radice published a pamphlet with 13 other MPs claiming that it would be a disaster for Britain to rule out joining a single currency. The move comes months after 50 Labour Euro-sceptics gave warning of the dangers of monetary union, arguing that it would result in £18 billion in spending cuts and rising unemployment. Several of those MPs have predicted a Commons revolt if Tony Blair

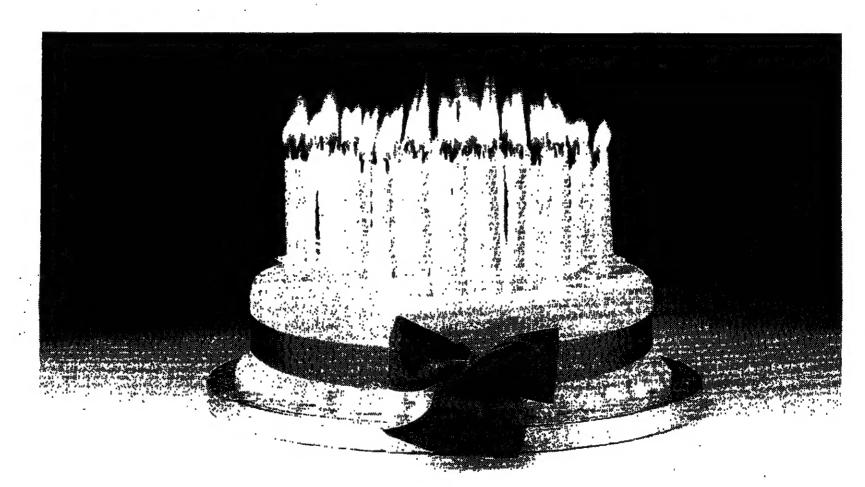
rushes into a single currency. The new pamphlet, Jobs, Growth and Security, which will be distributed at the Labour conference, insists that the single currency, due to be launched on January 1, 1999. offers big advantages for the British people and could play a key role in achieving Labour's economic objectives".

The MPs argue that a single currency would mean lower interest rates, resulting in cheaper mortgages. It would also lead to greater stability. giving business confidence for long-term investment. British companies and tourists would no longer have to pay for

Tony Blair is absolutely right to keep open Britain's option of joining a single currency. To rule it out now would be a disaster for Britain, and for our influence in Europe," Mr Radice said. He claimed the support of most of the Labour than the 14 MPs who put their

names to the pamphlet. Asked on Radio 4's Today programme whether Britain should sign up to economic and monetary union in the first wave, Mr Radice said if the conditions were right, there would be a strong case

The 14 MPs are: Giles Radice, Donald Anderson, Clive Betts, Dale Campbell-Savours, Tam Dalyell, Andrew Hill, John Home Robertson, Calum Macdonald, Denis MacShane, Dr John Marek, Stuart Randail and Barry



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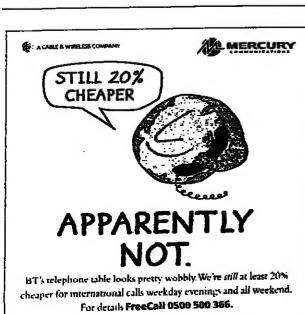
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Perry offers Nato security partnership to Moscow

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT IN BERGEN

FACED by a renewed blast from Moscow against Nato expansion, the United States yesterday offered Russia a security partnership that would involve unprecedented access to alliance affairs.

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said that apart from closer political consultation. Russia should also be allowed to have permanent liaison officers at alliance command headquarters

certain military contingency plan-ning. One senior American official even suggested that the new partnership could be modelled on the arrangement for France over the past 30 years under which Paris had full political membership without being part of the integrated military structure.

Some of the American ideas have caused alarm among other Nato partners. It was emphasised that, whatever is agreed, there would be consulted in cases involving Arti-

and that they should take part in cle 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty when the territory of a member state is threatened by hostile military action. However, speaking after the end of a two-day informal meeting of Nato defence ministers in Norway. Mr Perry made it clear that Nato had to develop a new level of co-operation with Russia to persuade Moscow to take a more relaxed view of alliance expansion.

His attempts yesterday to present Nato's case for expansion. however, failed to impress General Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, who attended a

counterparts in Bergen.

After hearing Mr Perry's ideas he announced at a press conference that the Russian public and polit-ical leadership failed to see how Nato could justify expansion to the east. He said tihat Russia was alarmed at the prospect of Nato enlarging and that any new members would change the balance of forces which had been agreed under the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty.

General Rodionov's hawkish line echoed what has once again be-

expansion, after a brief period of more conciliatory tones.

In Berlin in June. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, appeared to suggest that Moscow was no longer so worried about Nato expansion but that it remained opposed to any movement of alliance troops and infrastructure towards the Russian

The strongest opposition to Nato expansion was voiced by General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, who undoubtedly wrote

trip to Bergen.

Before meeting the Russian minister. Mr Perry had outlined four ways of developing closer working relations with Moscow: setting up permanent military offices for Russian officers at Nato command headquarters and for alliance officers in Moscow: consulting over contingency planning for a followon peacekeeping force in Bosnia next year: regular meetings with the Russian Defence Minister and his staff; and a share in military planning for Nato's new Combined

who are backed by the British, insist that Nato expansion must go ahead as planned. However, President Chirac of France is understood to be adamant that such an expansion should wait until an agreement has been reached with the Russians.

☐ Nuclear deal: Russia signed an agreement with the United States and Norway aimed at preventing the indiscriminate dumping of obsolete Russian nuclear submarines and reactors in the waters near the Arctic Circle.

Bardot threat to abandon 'joyless' France

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH national pride suffered a triple blow this week. The former actress Brigitte Bardot declared France was no fun any more and threatened to emigrate to Italy: the actress isabelle Adjani said Paris was too dirty and moved to Switzerland; and Algeria announced that English would replace French as the main foreign language taught in schools.

In an interview to publicise her newly published memoirs Mme Bardot announced she was sick of France, and in particular, the "invasion" of Islamic immigrants whose ritual slaughter of sheep she has

repeatedly condemned.

If that continues, such barbarity on our territory, I will want to leave France. I will go to Italy. France has lost its charm. Things have become ugly, there is no feeling any more. In Italy I sense that there is still joy, people play the mandolin, make pasta. In France everyone is depressed," she told France-Soir newspaper yesterday.

Mme Bardot's outspoken support for Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader. and her anti-immigrant stance has provoked a wave of anger and a lawsuit for allegedly inciting racial hatred. She has made no secret of her distaste for modern France.

"I hate it, I detest it, I find it unbearable ... The decadence, the moral and physical dirtiness, the ugliness, the lack of aesthetics, the loss of essential

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phy," Mme Bardot fumed. As for men, "they are almost all gay", she told Elle magazine Over the past few days Mme Bardot's attacks on her homeland have reached such a pitch that several commentators have expressed the opinion that the sooner she leaves

France, the better. Mme Adjani's decision to quit her native land, although for different reasons, has been equally wounding to France's amour propre. On Wednesday the film star and latter-day equivalent of Mme Bardot as France's most adored sex icon declared that, owing to in-creasing air pollution in Paris, she was moving to Geneva with her 16-month-old son by the British actor, Daniel Day-

"Pollution in Paris has reached such high levels, particularly in summer. To live in Geneva is a solution that will allow me to breathe in every sense of the word," she told La Tribune de Genève.

But perhaps the most telling snub came from Algeria, where the Government of the former French colony declared that English would supersede French as the second language

The continuing political violence in Algeria and the recent clampdown on immigration to France have helped to weaken links between the two countries. The recent signing of deals with British and US oil companies may also have prompted the ruling, which



Palaeontologists from the University of Chapingo, Mexico, investigating fossilised bones from seven mammoths found by workers digging a septic pit 40 miles from Mexico City. The discovery, on Wednesday, has been hailed as the most important fossil discovery in the area.

Five more patients are waiting for legal euthanasia

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

FIVE more terminally ill people are waiting to die under the Northern Territory's euthanasia laws and another death could take place within weeks, the Australian doctor who

who has been a leading advocate of the euthanasia laws, said that the death of Bob Dent, who ended his life by selfadministering a lethal injection at the weekend, would pave the way for more

people to be able to do the same.

There is little doubt that the events

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trist, that he or she is terminally ill, suffering unacceptable pain and beyand treatment. Up to now, fears by doctors that assisting a suicide could

euthanasia legislation, a patient must after John Ellard, a Sydney psychia-orove to three doctors, one a psychia-trist, agreed to fly to Darwin to back

Mr Ellard yesterday described Mr Dent, 66, a former carpenter with no children, as "an intelligent and sensitive man, fully aware of all the issues". Mr Dent ended his life on Sunday after sharing a meal with Judy, his wife of

Armenian protesters face tanks

President Ter-Petrosyan of Armenia ordered tanks and troops on to the streets of Yerevan, the capital, yesterday and banned demonstrations against the results of Sunday's presidential election which he won (Thomas de

Waal writes). Later, eight MPs, including Vazgen Manukyan, who came second in the poll, were stripped of their parliamentary immunity and will face charges of instigating unrest. Mr Manukyan was reported to have gone into hiding.

Ceausescu son dies in Vienna

Nicu Ceausescu, 45, playboy son of the executed Romanian dictator, died yesterday in Vienna from internal bleeding caused by cirrhosis of the liver while awaiting a transplant

(Michael Binyon writes). Sentenced to 20 years in jail for his part in the dictatorship. he was a womaniser, and was accused of raping Nadia Comaneci, the Olympic gymnast, but never formally charged. Obituary, page 19

California clash over racist Duke

Los Angeles: Police clashed with stone-throwing demon-stators who flocked to the campus of California State University at Northridge to disrupt a debate in which David Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was taking part (Giles Whittell writes). It was the city's worst student violence in a decade. Several people were hurt.

21 die in Russia as train hits bus

Moscow: Twenty-one people, including 19 children, were killed and 18 injured in southern Russia when a school bus was hit by a train in thick fog at an unmanned level crossing (Thomas de Waal writes). The train driver said that he did not see the bus until it was too late to stop.

Biting the dust

Manila: Missing weapons used in Philippines coup attempts against former President Aquino cannot be recovered because termites ate all the records about them, a Senate hearing was told. (AP)

leave them open to criminal charges if surrounding this first use of the act will the law is overturned have left patients assisted the world's first legal suicide make its much easier for the next tersaid yesterday. Dr Philip Nitschke, minally ill person," he said. Under the Mr Dent managed to get the go-ahead 20 years, at their Darwin home.

Atom bomb spymaster dies FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MOSCOW

PAVEL SUDOPLATOV, the Soviet spymaster who plotted the theft of the atomic bomb secret and the assassination of Leon Trotsky, has died in

Moscow, aged 89. Sudoplatov, a lieutenantgeneral in the KGB, died on Tuesday at his home after a recent stroke, the daily Moskovsky Komsomolets re-ported. His son was with him. It said the KGB's successor agency, the Federal Security Service, planned a funeral for him with military honours. in the 1930s, Sudoplatov

headed the branch of Stalin's secret police which carried out political assassinations.

Among the murders he

engineered was that of Trotsky. Stalin's arch-rival, in Mex-

ico in 1940. In his last interand used it to develop Soviet view, published yesterday in the daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta, Sudoplatov said he never considered himself a terrorist, but a fighter against "terrorists battling the Soviet State". In the 1940s, he oversaw Soviet spying on the Manhattan Project, the Second World War programme to develop the atomic bomb. In his autobiography. Special Tasks: The Memoirs of

an Unwanted Witness - A in 1994, he wrote about the "moles" he had at Manhattan Project labs in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Oak Ridge. Tennessee, and Chicago. He said he obtained a description

of the bomb's design in 1945

Sudoplatov claimed that Robert Oppenheimer, the head of the Los Alamos lab. and physicists Niels Bohr. Emico Fermi and Leo Szilard, gave the KGB information about the project.

The FBI said after a 1995 investigation that there was

no evidence to back up his claim. The Russian Foreign Intelligence Service agreed and said he had exaggerated his own role. After Stalin died in 1953.

Sudoplatov was convicted of collaborating with Lavrentii Beria, the secret police chief who was executed. He was freed from prison in 1969 and rehabilitated in 1992.

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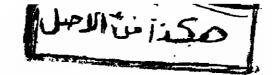
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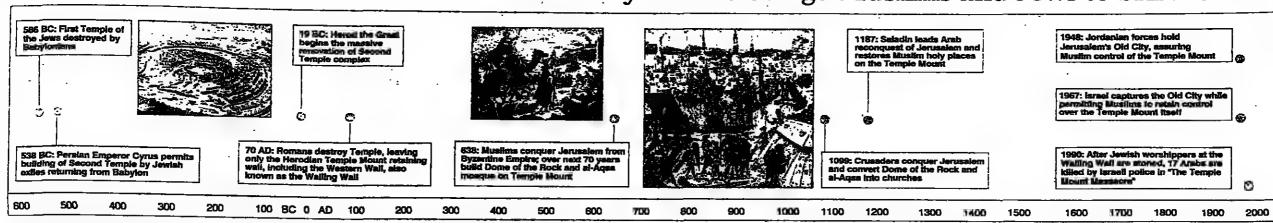
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Holy site that has witnessed millennia of bloody clashes brings Muslims and Jews to brink of war



THE unlikely catalyst for the latest blood-letting between Arabs and Jews is a 500-yard underground tunnel that exposes the Herodian foundations of the Wailing Wall and has been open for some time, with only one entry and exit point, in the Jewish quarter of the occupied Old City (Christopher Walker writes). It was the decision

to open a second exit on the Via Dolorosa, ostensibly to increase access for tourists, that sparked the latest violence and provided a reminder that Jerusalem's holy sites remain at the heart of the struggle between Muslim and Jew in the Holy Land. The Israeli-dug tunnel was re-

been uncovered originally in the 19th century and neglected. Until the 1980s, when Israel's Ministry of Religion uncovered the narrow underground route that once served as an aqueduct, no one had entered it for more than 100 years and it had remained full of mud

conquered by Israel in 1967. A warning of trouble came in 1988 when work on the tunnel provoked Arab riots. It was rumoured that Israeli archaeologists were involved in a secret hunt for treasures from the First and Second Temples, including the fabled Ark

Muslim clerics claimed on Tues

day, after the second exit had been opened by Israelis acting under cover of darkness and with a heavy guard, that the tunnel runs under the Temple Mount and was endangering the stability of the buildings above. They also alleged that the tunnel - whose entrance is only 3ft wide — was a first step by extremist Jews to tear down the

Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa, Islam's third holiest shrine after those in Mecca and Medina.

Those who destroy what is underneath [the compound] will eventually destroy what is above." argued Sheikh Jamal Rifai, an influential cleric. Yehud Olmert, Jerusalem's Likud Mayor and the main driving force behind the new

tunnel opening, dismissed the allegation as ridiculous. He said that the tunnel ran alongside but not underneath Temple Mount, and that Israel respected Muslim administration of the Islamic holy sites. Independent archaeolgists support the denial by their Israeli mines the foundations of al-Aosa.

discovered a few years ago. having Muslim quarter of the Old City Backstage battle to salvage a peace process in tatters

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

DIPLOMATS yesterday struggled against an hourly rising casualty toll to put together what few pieces of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process remained. But there was a realisation that drastic action would have to be taken if even the veneer of mutual confidence that underpinned the

1993 accord was to be restored. The backstairs negotiators, including Ed Abington, the American Consul-General in Jerusalem, were only too aware that another deadline looms which could make yesterday's bloodshed fade into insignificance: at today's weekly noon Muslim prayers, Palestinians have vowed to converge on al-Aqsa mosque, the site of the tunnel which

sparked the latest fighting. "If some sort of agreement is not in place by then, what has been described as 'a sacred tinderbox' could very easily cause an even greater conflagration," a European diplomat said. "The combination of religion, nationalism and peated television images of the fighting could spill over into something even more dan-

The clashes, shown on a host of television channels, challenged the basic premise of the peace deal signed amid the long forgotten optimism of September 1993 — that the two sides would co-operate in maintaining security in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinians, with their lesser firepower, were the main victims yesterday, as they were in the 1987-1993

intifada. But it was the many

right-wing Jews opposed to any further implementation of the peace deal, negotiated by the former Labour Government, whose hand was streng-

"We have seen that a monster has been created in our midst in the person of the 30,000 Palestinian police force that we allowed to be armed under our very noses," said Motti Cohen, a supporter of Binyamin Netanyahu's Likud Government. "How can anyone ask us now to pull out troops from [the West Bank town of] Hebron and leave the Jewish residents there to the mercy of these so-called policemen? They are terrorists and nothing more."

Mr Cohen, a reserve army driver, had few illusions that anything remained of the peace process. This is war. It is war and nothing short of it," he said without any apparent regrets. Like many similarly-minded Israelis, he has been



Netanyahu: he was told of boiling resentment

suspicious of the motives of Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority. He seemed resigned to the fact that Israel would have to go back to controlling the 22 million Palestinians by force.

The ferocity of the Palestinian reaction was seen by many Israeli commentators as the price paid for the inaction by Mr Netanyahu over moving the peace process forward. Leading Palestinians like

Saeb Erekat, the Jerichobased negotiator, disclosed that they had publicly and privately been warning the new Israeli Government of the resentment boiling among their people. "It became clear to the Israeli Government that the fear of a new intifada is not vain one," wrote Oded Granot, a commentator in the daily Maartv. "It was not the tunnel-

opening alone that led to the outbreak of rioting in the territories, but the accumulation of frustration from what complete deadlock in the

Amid serious objections being voiced from the Israeli Right about the future role of the Palestinian police, many of them former guerrillas with little discipline or training, Hemi Shalev, another Maariv columnist, wrote: "A continuation of the existing situation will quickly drag everyone back to the era of blood, intifada, terror and mourning. this time with 30,000 armed and revenge-hungry Palestinian policemen lined up against the Israeli Defence Forces."



An Ultra-Orthodox Jew in the tunnel near Temple Mount that sparked the violence

Nowhere to hide in Ramallah's gun-swept streets

IT WAS difficult to know where to hide in the streets of southern Ramallah yesterday, with the gunfire shifting direction as easily as the hot afternoon winds.

At first the greatest risk came from being caught in the crossfire between angry stonethrowing Palestinian youths, shouting "Aliahu Akbar" (God is greatest), and Israeli soldiers perched on the summit of nearby hills.

But the situation became doubly dangerous after Palestinian police entered the picture and began firing over the heads of the youths at the Israeli troops above them.

From then on, it was impossible to predict where a new outbreak of violence might occur, as the action switched from one building or street to

Journalists crouched with Palestinians behind any shelter they could find. Sometimes the groups would dare to move during a lull in the shooting, only to hear the frightening crack of renewed automatic gunfire as they ran out into the open. Along with a BBC crew.

who wore helmets and bulletbroot vesis. I sai on a roa some time, while rubbish lorry at our backs acted as an effective shield against incoming Israel fire. On a rooftop across the road, we could see Palestinian police firing back at the Israelis. Not long afterwards, we

heard tales of cameramen and photographers being wounded and taken to hospital.

One Australian photographer, Paul Jones, and Sharon Abbady, an Israeli female colleague, had a narrow escape after being stranded on the brow of one hill for three hours. They remained prone The new intifada is being fought with bullets as

well as stones, Ross Dunn reports from Ramallah

the entire time, scared to move as bullets whistled and ricocheted only yards away.

Eventually deciding to brave the Israeli sniper fire, they waved a white cloth as they moved down the hill before sheltering behind a retaining wall of the closest building. A Palestinian ambulance later came to their

As he was sheltering from the crossfire at his home. Ate Alawneh, Deputy Minister of Finance in the Palestinian Authority, said the shootings marked the start of a "new intifada, only this time it is with guns, not just stones. It is not a peace process. It is a killing process," Dr Alawneh said, crouching near a window to observe the mayhem.

Palestinians, he said, were deeply angered by the "humiliatir **DOLICIES** yamin Netanyahu's Government, including an expansion of Jewish settlements and a continuing military closure o the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza

He said that Israel must stop these actions if there were to be any hope of reviving the peace negotiations. The minis-ter added that Palestinians were in a mood to fight. He declared that he was not sure even Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, could now stop the

Onslaught by Islamic militia turns Kabul 'into ghost town'

By Zahid Hussain and Our Foreign Staff

Taleban Islamic militia poised on the edge of Kabul, Afghan government troops appeared yesterday to be abandoning the capital, witnesses said. A correspondent in the city said it was "like a ghost town", with troops abandoning checkpoints. Tanks and lorries

WITH forces of the rebel

laden with troops had been seen heading north away from the city, he said. Taleban sources in neighbouring Pakistan had earlier claimed that their militia forces, which already control most of Afghanistan, had entered the city from the east and were only three miles from President Rabbani's palace. Taleban seeks to topple the

President and enforce strict

Islamic rule. Official sources have denied that Taleban forces have entered the city, but government troops guarding the main road east of Kabul confirmed that the rebels had seized the nearby military academy.

Thousands of civilians and foreign aid workers fled the besieged city, some hanging out of packed buses or riding on the roof. Other residents crowded markets in central Kabul to stock up on food and essentials, fearing that fight-ing would soon reach the streets of the city, which has been under rocket attack for

"Basically, the city is cor-nered," said Esther Robertson of the Care British aid group. We feel that it is better to go now while we have a chance. Hundreds of fighters have reportedly been killed on both

sides in the two-day battle for the capital, in which Taleban forces have attacked on three fronts. The Islamic group received a serious setback in an attempt to take over the city when Maulvi Borian, its commander, was killed in a battle near Pul-e-Charkhi, an east-

Yesterday the area was strewn with the bodies of Taleban fighters. The Government claimed to have killed 150 rebels, while losing only three of its troops, adding that 21 soldiers had been wounded. But a Taleban spokesman said 100 government soldiers had been killed in the battle for the military college, six miles from the city centre.

ern district of the capital.

Taleban sources in the Pakistani city of Peshawar claimed that the militia had captured the military academy after a fierce battle.

Afghan government sources, however, have strongly denied the claim and said that an attack had been repulsed. The sources also claimed that forces loyal to President Rabbani were holding back the Taleban forces ten miles outside Kabul.

Suleman Shah, the Afghan Consul-General in Peshawar, said that the Taleban forces had been pushed back and fighting was restricted to Pule-Charkhi.

A Pakistan Foreign Minis-try official claimed that Taleban militia forces had also moved closer to Bagram airport, Kabul's main lifeline. it was expected that the air port would fall to the attacking forces at any moment.

Astronaut back home

New York: After 75 million miles of travel, and 188 days without a shower or a hairwash, Shannon Lucid, the American astronaut, yester-day returned to Earth from her six-month stay on Russia's Mir space station (Quentin Letts writes).

Mrs Lucid, 53, whom Nasa has taken to calling "the Oueen of the Universe", was greeted by her husband and was said to be in "great shape". Owing to the effects of her long stay in space, however, she was unable to walk on her own, and needed support

Six-month gap in 'Filegate' records

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SENATE Republicans have discovered a six-month gap in White House records showing who read improperly-ob tained FBI files on hundreds of party officials.

Seeking an explanation for the discrepancy, with its ech-oes of the 18-minute gap on President Nixon's Watergate tapes, the Republican-controlled Judiciary Committee is trying to subpoena Mari Anderson, the aide responsible for the logbook. But she has gone into hiding.
The White House insisted

the gap was the result of nothing more sinister than bureaucratic inefficiency. "I believe the [logbook] wasn't kept. We tried our best to do it. There was a period of time when we didn't," said Craig Livingsione, the former head of the White House personnel security office which obtained

the files.
The White House also released copies of the outdated Secret Service lists of White House passholders on which it claims Mr Livingstone's office based its requests for the FBI files. Throughout the "Filegate" scandal it has insisted the requests were merely a bureaucratic blunder, not an attempt to dig up dirt on

Republicans. The gap lasts from March to September 1994, when Miss Anderson left the White House. Orrin Hatch, the committee's chairman, said Miss Anderson was evading US marshals trying to serve her a



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that gives us instant market recognition," he said. The company will initially concentrate on a small number rupt partly as a result of the of commuter routes in the Lockerbie disaster, has been

of its former executives, Martin Shugrue. "We have a very powerful brand name

Van Gogh masterpiece worth £25m 'is a fake'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A PAINTING attributed to vationist at the Vincent Van Vincent Van Gogh and worth an estimated £25 million may Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, has insisted that "there is not a single doubt about its be a fake, according to French authenticity", a view backed by prominent Van Gogh scholars. The claim that the press reports, alleging that an investigation into its authenficity has been covered up. The doubts about the paint-

ing have added fresh controversy to a story involving allegations of corruption. greed and a lawsuit that has already cost French taxpayers millions of francs.

Jardin à Auvers, believed to have been painted by Van Gogh just days before his suicide in July 1890, is due to be sold at auction in Paris next December, following the death of its latest owner, the banker Jean-Marc Vernes.

According to a report in Le Canard Enchaine, a journalist at Le Figure carried out an investigation into "doubts among experts over the authenticity of this work". The resulting report has not been published, the satirical newspaper claimed, because Vernes was a "big purveyor of Figam, Robert Hersant".

Sjraar van Heugten, conser-

painting may not be genuine, however, is proving highly embarrassing to the French Jean-Jacques Walter, the art collector who sold the painting to Vernes for Fr55 million in 1989, later sued the French state, claiming that he had been prevented from realising its full value since the Culture

Auvers as a national treasure and banned him from selling it abroad. Last February. France's highest civil court estimated the painting's value on the international market at Fr200 million (£26 million), and ordered the Government to pay M Walter Fr145 million in

Ministry had classed Jardin à

compensation. The extraordinary saga of the painting has also been tions. In 1994, M Walter's son alleged that in the 1980s the



The painting, Jardin à Auvers, attributed to Van Gogh, has already cost French taxpayers millions of francs

family lawyer had been approached to make a deal in which an export licence for the painting would be provided in exchange for massive bribes. M Walter claimed that former Ministers of Culture, Jack Lang and François Léotard. had demanded £5 million and £3 million respectively. Both

politicians have strongly denied the claims.

Questions about the painting's authenticity relate to its uncertain provenance. One catalogue cites Johanna Van Gogh-Bonger, the painter's sister-in-law, as the original owner, but another names lector with a highly dubious reputation who sold a number fakes. Schuffenecker's brother, Claude-Emile, was a friend of the painter and is known to have executed a number of "nastiches", includ-

ing at least one of Van Gogh's

emptive bid for the painting before the auction on December 9. Having already paid to keep the painting in France, the state may now feel obliged to come up with millions more, if only to reassure voters that their money has not been

Spanish birthrate falls to lowest level in the world

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SPANISH women are giving birth to fewer children today than women anywhere else in the world, an extraordinary record for a country once a bastion of Roman Catholic family values.

According to figures published in the newspaper El Pais, Spanish women aged between 15 and 49 have an average of only 1.2 children below the European average of 1.5, and dramatically lower than the global rate of 3.1. British women, by compari-son, have 1.8 children per

The Spanish Government is slowly awakening to an alarming demographic truth: since the minimum birth rate needed by a society to renew its population from one generation to the next is 21 children per mother. Spain will find itself in 25 years with a shrunken and aged popula-tion. Already, 5.5 million of Spain's 39 million people are aged over 65 years.

Spain's birth rate has been declining remorselessly since 1970, when the country's women had nearly three children each. At the time of General Franco's death in 1975, the figure was 2.84. Yet the most precipitous decline was witnessed between 1980, when the birthrate was still a healthy 2.2, and 1989, when the figure stood at 1.37. However breathtaking the

decline, the reasons for it are not difficult to discern. Post-Franco Spain is a decidedly less patriarchal place, with women enjoying an independence that matches that of any other country in the Western world. Nearly 35 per cent of all women are in full-time employment, the highest rate in Spain's history. This childbearing generation, broadly defined, is the first which has been encouraged both to take up higher education and to cultivate a professional ambition.

In a nutshell, Spanish women are more autonomous, studying longer, marrying later, and increasingly working outside the home. In addition, although abortion remains limited to cases of rape and risk to the mother's life, the Pill and condoms are freely available.

Significantly, the Govern-ment does not exert pressure on women to produce children either, as it did in General Franco's day, when "motherhood prizes" were awarded to fecund women for their contributions to the patria. In fact, childbirth would seem almost to be discouraged. The Spanish Government spends less on family benefits than any other EU country, and tax breaks for families with children are decidedly ungenerous.

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A SENIOR member of the Royal Family will join British troops and civilians at a sunset ceremony on the Hong Kong waterfront on June 30 to mark Britain's final

departure from the colony. The ceremony will take place at the Eust Tamar site on Hong Kong island, home of the old British military headquarters, before a separate event at the Hong Kong convention centre at midnight to mark the formal handover

Details of the two ceremonies were finalised yesterday at a two-hour meeting in New York between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and his Chinese counterpart. Qian Qichen. The two ministers also agreed that Britain will maintain a 180-strong consulate-general in Hong Kong after the handover, the largest British consular office anywhere.

About 50 of the staff at the

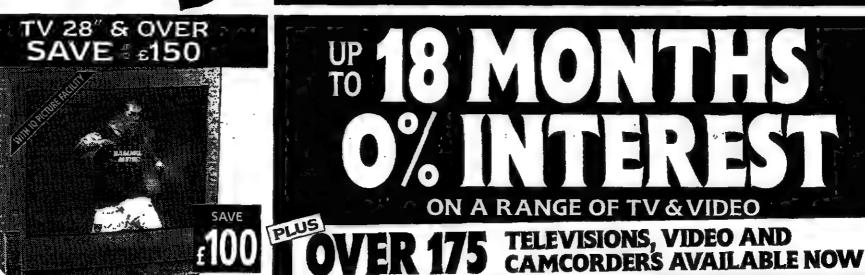
new consulate now being will be British diplomats. with the remaining 130 local staff. The same functions are now performed by a staff of 80 at the Joint Liaison Group and the Trade Office, of which about half are local people. Serious differences remain,

however, over China's plans to establish a Provisional Legislature before the handover which would overlap with the elected Legislative Council that Peking plans to

originally had wanted the formal handover ceremony to be held outside, like the separate British event. to accommodate the many dignitaries who are expected to attend.

Instead, the ceremony will take place in the spectacular glass extension now being added to the convention centre, which can hold some 4,000 people.





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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Cegetel deal aims to extend market influence in Europe

BT stakes £1.1bn in French venture

BRITISH TELECOM made it second-largest foreign inestment yesterday by agreeing to pay £1.1 billion for a 25 per cent stake in a company formed to compete with France Telecom.

The investment in Cegetel largely completes BT's European strategy, which is designed to give it broad exposure to the Continent's top markets. Since 1993, BT has formed joint ventures in Spain, Germany, Italy, Swe-den and The Netherlands. Switzerland and Belgium are

its remaining targets.
Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, said the Cegetel deal is part of the strategy to make continental Europe part of "our extended market". Cegetel will apply for a full operator's licence, allowing it to compete in every deregulation comes into effect in 1998. Currently, it is limited to providing corporate and

mobile-phone services. Cegetel brings BT into partnership with Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the waterto-healthcare group that has targeted the telecoms industry as its next growth area. Générale owns an effective 50 per cent of Cegetel. SBC, formerly South Western Bell. the American regional phone company, has 15 per cent and Mannesman, the German industrial group, has 10 per cent. The ownership levels may vary somewhat when the final

agreement is made. BT has provided the majority of Cegetel's cash reserves. Its investment values the new company at £4.4 billion. BT will also provide technological expertise such as customer service and billing systems. hardware such as network switches, and its Concert port-

folio of international services.

provide non-cash assets, chief of which is Générale's controlling stake in SFR, the secondlargest mobile-phone company in France, which is 20 per cent-owned by Vodafone, the UK's largest mobile phone

company.

SFR will provide the bulk of Cegetel's growth until it receives a full telecoms licence. SFR now has 700,000 customers and claims to be recruiting 40 per cent of all new mobile phone subscribers. It expects to be profitable by 1998 after posting a loss of Fr769 million last year, and forecasts annual

sales of Fri6 billion by 2000. If it receives a full licence Cegetel would be able to provide fixed-line services to residential customers. To do so it will either have to build its own network or agree an

Analysts said that the interconnection deal, the more likely scenario, would be crucial to Cegetel's viability. If France Telecom charges too much. Cegetel will have trouble becoming comfortably

profitable. In a separate deal, BT said that it is bidding for the telecoms network of SNCF, the national train system. If it wins, BT would have an instant national transmission system for voice and data traffic. BT would probably transfer the system to

Cegetel.
BT said that Cegetel will be "marginally earnings dilutive" in the short term. The £1.1 billion investment was exceeded only by BT's \$4.3 billion purchase in 1993 of 20 per cent of MCI. America's secondlargest lung-distance carrier.

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French connection: Philippe Germond, left, SFR managing director, with Sir Peter Bonfield, BT chief executive, yesterday

Invesco poised to take over US group

BY ROBERT MILLER

INVESCO, the international fund management house, will almost double its amount of money under management to £93 billion if a deal to take over an American mutual fund manager goes ahead. Invesco, which looks after £58 billion of funds, yesterday confirmed that it is in talks with AIM Management Group, the thirteenth-largest US mutual management company, with a view to a "pos-

sible business combination". Billed as a merger, the talks are, in fact, about lovesco taking over AIM, which has more than three million shareholder accounts and 33 retail mutual funds. AIM, formerly known as American Interna-tional Management, looks

after £35 billion. In the UK, Invesco manages some £7.3 billion and has a stable of ten investment trusts and 22 unit trusts. It reported pre-tax profits of £32 million for the half year to June 30, up by 42 per cent.

Talks between invesco and AIM, which has a UK money market fund run in London, have been going on for about two months and are expected to continue for some weeks before a deal is finalised.

Invesco shares eased 412 p. to 239p, in London yesterday.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

Managers of big firms still lead way in pay

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TOP managers in large companies are earning an average of £86,000 a year or £1,654.80 a week, according to the Office for National Statistics' New Earnings Survey. Managers received 6.2 per cent more than last year's unpublished level. Top managers in the period after the Greenbury report on boardroom pay are far ahead of their nearest rival, company treasurers at £862.10, and then medical

practitioners at £814.60. The level for top male managers is even higher, at £1,733.30 a week, or more than £90,000 a year. The bottompaid job for men, by contrast, is listed as kitchen porters, at £164.40, or £8,500 a year. For

women, doctors still top the est-paid 10 per cent of employpay league at £706.90, since there are statistically too few top company managers for a valid entry, while the lowest-paid job for women is also a the largest rise in earnings, at

kitchen porter, at £142.90. According to the ONS overall average earnings now stand at £351.70 per week, or about £18,300 a year. This is a rise of 4.1 per cent on last year. Average earnings for men in April, the NES' sample point, were £391.60 and for women £283, showing little change in the ratio of female to male

earnings.
The NES showed that the earnings gap in Britain continued to widen, with the weekly earnings of the high-

ees rising 5.4 per cent com-pared with the lowest decile, which saw a 4.3 per cent rise. Regionally, East Anglia saw

London the smallest, at 3.2 per The figures provided trade unions with a new target for a minimum wage as Govern-ment figures lifted the level of a proposed pay floor to \$4.41

5.4 per cent, and Greater

Unions will use the NES figure to push bargaining claims with companies and to increase pressure on the Labour Party to set a precise statutory national minimum

Newton avoids Imro fight

NEWTON, the fund management group looking after £10 billion, has backed down from confrontation with a City watchdog and agreed to pay an

managers, said that Newton had agreed the settlement before a full hearing in front of a disciplinary tribunal after failing to prevent overdrafts on client money accounts and then failing to tell the authori-

ties "promptly and fully". Newton also did not take adequate action to prevent a

million for five business days

nearly two weeks. Newton has reimbursed £63,247 in interest to clients with overdrafts. It must also pay costs of £34,000, and pre-tribunal costs that

could easily exceed £100,000. Newton said it felt it had been treated harshly, but decided not to go to a full tribunal in the wake of the Jardine Fleming

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Brewing helps Guinness to toast record half year

By Clare STEWART

A STRONG first-half contribution from its brewing activities helped Guinness, the drinks group, to a record half-year profit. For the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits rose 5 per cent to £357 million. bearing City forecasts. Tony Greener, Guinness

chairman, said that the interim results marked a further step for the group in meeting its "twin objective of growing the business and raising the return to shareholders". Earnings per share rose of per cent to 12.3p, while the

dividend is being increased 8 per cent to 4.55p. Operating profits in the brewing arm rose 5 per cent to [119 million. Boosting this as consumption of draught



Greener: twin objective

increase was a recovery in the Irish beer market which helped the Irish business to lift volumes 7 per cent. Increased marketing in the UK paid off

while in the US volumes topped 30 per cent.

Newer products such as its Kilkenny Irish beer also had a strong first half, while, in its pubs division, the group continues to roll out its Irish Pub outlets. Some 200 have opened this year with the most recent. in Vienna, taking the total to 1,000. A year-end target of 1,250 is planned.

The sales pattern in United Distillers, the larger spirits arm of Guinness, was more variable in the first half. Profits dipped from £257 million to £255 million, while there was a 4 per cent drop in scotch volumes. The shares fell 6p to 4482p.

Jardine Fleming executives moved

BY ROBERT MILLER

ROBERT FLEMING, the private merchant bank, has unveiled a far-reaching reshuffle among top executives at Jardine Fleming after the Hong Kong firm was fined £700,000 by a City watchdog

last month.

Flemings, which has a 50 per cent stake in Jardine Fleming, Hong Kong's oldest established merchant bank, said yesterday that James Bruce, currently head of global capital markets in London, was returning to Hong Kong to join the Jardine Fleming board. He will also sit on a new ten-strong supervisory board which will comprise four Robert Fleming directors including John Manser, chief executive, four Jardine Matheson executives including Alasdair Morrison, chairman, and two from Jardine

Robert Thomas, former chief executive of the Hong Kong operation and who had his authorisation to conduct investment business with drawn after Colin Armstrong. alleged to have diverted profits from market deals into a personal account, is to retire.

So too is Alan Smith, chairman of Jardine Fleming. Between them the two men, both in their fifties. have worked at Flemings for more than 50 years and are expected to receive undisclosed lump sum payments

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England's farmers harvest record profit

FARMERS in England have just closed their books on their most profitable year, thanks to a combination of high prices for produce, world shortages and EU aid payments. But celebration would be premature: the bad news is, it is all downhill from

Plummeting wheat and potato prices, and a slump in heef sales, are

Deloitte & Touche, the accountant. But conditions are still better than in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when agriculture came under severe

Last year, average net farm income increased by 29 per cent to a record £363 a hectare. Deloitte & Touche found. Income ranged from £717 a hectare, for the most profitable farms, down to £104 a hectare.

this year, according to a study by sharply improved prospects for wheat and other combinable crops, which account for 62 per cent of typical farm production in England. Grazing land, mainly dairy farming, accounts for about 14 per cent.

David Turner, a senior manager with Deloitte & Touche Agriculture at Cambridge, said world grain short-ages and high oilseed prices had fuelled farming incomes. The pound's weakness had made British produce more attractive to overseas buyers.

The figures do not include the impact of the BSE scare, which struck late in March, close to the end of farmers' financial years. The dairy sector had a "pretty good" year, helped by higher milk prices, while sheep and pigs had shown an improvement.

Disappointing world grain harvests had boosted sales of wheat, the UK's biggest crop. China showed a huge upturn in demand.

Mr Turner said better farm mannent played a big part in the gains.

re-occurrence, Imro said. £85,000 fine for rule breaches. Imro, the regulator for fund One overdraft run up on a client account was for more than £2 million at one stage. It continued at more than £1

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Swiss cut discount rate to low of 1%

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

SWITZERLAND'S central bank yesterday cut its discount rate by half a point to just I per cent, matching a historic low in what analysts described as a clear signal that it wanted the strong Swiss franc to weaken.

Traders pounced on the surprise news to sell the franc against the dollar and mark. Swiss money-market rates also fell and prices of shortterm debt futures surged, but Swiss shares shrugged off the first discount rate cut since

A Swiss National Bank (SNB) statement said the move, which takes effect today, was in line with a recent decline in Swiss money-market rates. These rates have fallen below 2 per cent amid a generous flow of liquidity from the central bank.

The Swiss franc fell against the dollar and German mark on the news. The dollar was trading around SFr1.2521, up from 1.2425 before the news. The mark was up around 82.27 Swiss centimes per mark from about \$1.90.

Analysts suggested that the SNB was moving away from its strict traditional adherence to money supply targets, and instead turning its focus to the franc. whose strength has hamstrung the Swiss economy by having an adverse effect on crucial exports.

TOURIST RATES



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in a speech in London, Mr Flynn attacked

the way the social chapter "is being used

to spread fear and loathing of the

European Union." He denied that the

social chapter was a "socialist Darth

Vader intent on the destruction of

Mr Flynn, speaking at a conference

organised by City law firm Beachcroft

Shake-up knocks **McBride**

By Fraser Nelson

McBRIDE, the own-label household products group, saw pre-tax profits fall to £20.7 million from £27.1 million for the year to June 30 after incurring restructuring costs of £6.3 million.

The company, which floated on the stock market last year, said it had resolved the severe production problems at its main plant in Barrow, Cumbria, after spending £1.9 million on redundancy measures and losing £4.4 million hrough other related costs.

Overall, sales advanced 10 er cent to £162 million, which left underlying profits 4 per cent higher, at £162 million. The surge in raw material prices, which sent its shares plummeting in January, reduced margins from 36 per cent to 33 per cent. Earnings dropped to 9.5p (20.9p). A final dividend of 4.45p, due on November 18, makes a total of

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Asda refuses to sell Alka Seltzer tablets

ASDA, the supermarket group, has lost the latest of its battles over pricing of over-the-counter medicines. Bayer, the German drugs group and maker of Alka Seltzer, vesterday won an injunction that prevents Asda from selling the anti-indigestion tablets for less than the price set under the Resale Price Maintenance agreement. Bayer increased the price of its 30-tablet packs of Alka Seltzer by 10 per cent to £3.29, and also asked the supermarket group to sell the group's smaller packs, the contents of which it had reduced from 12 to 10 tablets.

Asda has now withdrawn all 30-tablet packs from its 207 stores. "We do not believe a price increase of five times the rate of inflation can be justified. We would rather not stock the product than pass on such a price rise to our customers," said Nick Cooper, corporate lawyer for Asula. Asda's campaign against price maintenance began a year ago, when it cut the price of branded vitamins. The Office of Fair Trading's report on resale price maintenance is due within weeks, and Asda is hoping that it will recommend a review of the pricing structure for over-the-

Yule Catto confident

YULE CATTO, the speciality chemicals and building products company, said a record year was again in prospect after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to £17.4 million from £15.96 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 10.6p a share from 9.5p and the interim dividend is lifted to 3.6p a share from 3.2p. The shares fell 4½ p to 393p. Profits from chemicals rose to £16.5 million from £15 million, but building products slipped to £2.8 million from £2.9 million.

Northern Rock deal

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE is to provide general insurance products to the 190,000 customers of the Northern Rock Building Society in a partnership deal announced yesterday. The new service will be launched on January I and premium income in the first year of operation is expected to total around £65 million. Other new products would be developed in the future, Guardian said. Northern Rock has already announced its intention to demutualise and become a bank.

Irish output increases

INDUSTRIAL production in the Irish Republic rose by a seasonally adjusted 5.4 per cent in May after a 1 per cent drop in April, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistics Office in Dublin. Seasonally adjusted figures for the three months to May 31 show a decrease of just under 1 per cent from the three months to February 29. On a year-on-year basis, output rose by almost 10 per cent. The pharmaceutical and electrical engineering sectors recorded the biggest annual increases, of 5.3 per cent and 2.4 per cent, respectively.

World Bank savings

THE World Bank said in its annual report yesterday that it had cut its administrative budget by 3.6 per cent in the current financial year. The report, published just before next week's annual meetings of the Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, said that disbursements from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development were up \$700 million to \$13.37 billion and those from the International Development Association were up \$181 million to \$5.88 billion. Debt triumph, page 27

Balance of payments surplus calms worries over trade gap

BY OLIVER AUGUST

BRITAIN'S foreign trade gap has widened but economists say that worries about a trade shortfall are placated by the surplus in the balance of payments.

in July, the gap grew from El.1 billion to El.2 billion. while the August trade deficit in goods with non-EU countries improved from £700 million to £500 million, the Office

BRITAIN'S social chapter opt-out threat-

ens jobs and weakens competitiveness.

the European Commission said yesterday

in a strong defence of Europe's employ-ment legislation which denied the social

chapter was a "late 20th century version

Padraig Flynn. EU Social Affairs

Commissioner, made a plea to the UK

Government to end its opt-out from the

of the Black Death" for business.

for National Statistics said yesterday. David Smith. UK economist at Williams de Broe, said: "As long as the big surplus on investment income from abroad continues there will no real trade deficit

The current account of the balance of payments showed a £500 million surplus in the

The £1.2 billion gap exceeded analysts' expectations by a wide margin. They had forecaste £800 million while and has been largely overshadowed by the recent current account surplus." the non-EU trade balance was

> Hunt, the Conservatives' former Employment Secretary, said the social chapter

was merely a device to allow Europe to

make progress on social legislation where

there was strong support for it, "not a

He said: "The social chapter is not the

late 30th-century version of the Black

Death. It is merely a process, and an

inclusive and productive process at that.

sinister plan to 'terminate' businesses".

expected to be £750 million. These deviations were attributed to forecasting difficulties. Marian Bell, Treasury ed that this increase clearly economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "The global

and not hugely significant, expertise, innovation and efficiency are recognised by the rest of the world. In July we exported cars worth £803 mil-The trade figures also lion, an increase of more than

showed a big rise in car 50 per cent over last year." But Margaret Beckett. exports. Ian Lang, President of Labour's Shadow Trade and the Board of Trade, comment-Industry Secretary, said that the trade figures exploded the Conservative claim that Britain was the "enterprise centre Europe". They showed a continuing and substantial EU rejects social chapter fears deficit both in trade with

> billion so far this year. Earlier this month the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders had confirmed that the increase in car production in the United King-dom had been export-led, Mr Lang insisted. "I am sure that this improvement will be sustained by events like the launch on to the market of the

Jaguar XK8 next month," he

Europe, £2.9 billion in the first seven months of 1996, and with the world as a whole, £8.5

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EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT



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HAND GUNS TO GO

Michael North, lecturer at Stirling University, whose daughter was shot at Dunblane, writes for the first time.

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☐ Decision time over South West ☐ Slowdown looms in the MBO market ☐ National Power's strange change of heart

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GERALD HOLTHAM of the Institute for Public Policy Re-search, which is to new Labour what the Fabian Society was to the old, has had a bright idea. To stop being so unpopular, privatised water groups should turn themselves into mutuals by using "windfall profits" to buy back their shares.

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ases to sell.

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Rock deal

Rewriting history is always fun. There was, indeed, a case for that sort of structure at privatisa-tion. But if risk-bearing shares were eliminated now, regulation would have to transfer the risk to customers, so losing any in-centive for companies to improve their efficiency. As things stand, shareholders own the companies and Ian Byatt, the regulator, must look after the customers. He now has a unique opportunity to help those in Devon and Cornwall, whose water supplier is easily the most unpopular of the lot. And he can thank that excrescence of capitalism, the takeover bid.

South West Water has received two putative bids. The obligatory Monopolies and Mergers Commission reports on both should be thudding onto lan Lang's desk at the Department of Trade and Industry today. The MMC usually says bids are against the public interest unless the bidder offers Mr Byatt enough price cuts to offset the loss of one of the ten monopolies whose differing

Lang reaches the water jump

performance gives him ammu-nition to fire at laggards. In this case, the downside for regulator test would be to veto any bid unless the net present value of price cuts until 2005 tops the bid premium to SWW investors.

SWW is already valued at about £230 million more than before bid rumours started. and consumer is as bad as it could be. Wessex Water is South West's neighbour, and Mr Byatt thinks Severn Trent may already be too big for anyone's good.

Both the MMC and Mr Byatt may have been tempted to blackball Severn Trent or to set it stiffer hurdles than Wessex. But the case for spreading the lead though its shares would in any case have risen as management performance improved. On that basis, customers could expect immediate price cuts of at least the case for spreading the load on South West customers is strong: the fate of government could rest on their votes next spring. They, too, should hope for competition between bidders. I6 per cent a year. If Wessex or Severn Trent bid more, as they would need to, they would auto-matically have to offer bigger price cuts to match. For once, customers' and investors' in-

In theory, Mr Byatt holds all

the cards. In practice, it is hard to

deny customers any price cuts offered, so bids become a fore-

gone conclusion and the benefits

to customers depend on negotiat-

ing skilis. In the North-East, Lyonnaise des Eaux won on

points. In the South West, it is a

political necessity that customers should really feel the difference. If the MMC has not set a tough enough test, Mr Lang should do so. He should insist that cus-

tomers measurably gain as much as shareholders. A simple

Too good to last?

☐ IT is with great sadness that we announce the death of the management buyout at the age of 15. After a difficult childhood, friends and relatives had hoped for a more peaceful adolescence, but the past two years of frantic over-indulgence took their toll. No flowers by request.

terests would indeed be mutual.

Or perhaps not, depending on is a tendency to relate what you

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whom you believe. KPMG Corporate Finance, a keen tracker of MBOs, management buy-ins and the other weird fauna of the venture capital jungle, yesterday announced that the unprece-dented boom years were running out of steam and might be at an end. The reasons were compel-ling, the evidence of a slowing rate of transactions quite clear.

The third quarter — don't be pedantic, I know it has yet to inish — saw the lowest number

of transactions worth £10 million or more since the start of 1994. In terms of the total value of deals done, it was the lowest since early 1995. The main reason is sellers asking too high prices; buyers always say that, but there stock market multiples, and these are undeniably high.

KPMG also says many of the deals companies were desperate to close before any election are done, and it is certainly clear that mergers and acquisitions activity is low - just look at how few takeover battles are currently running. Furthermore, cash bal-ances are high, so companies have no great need to hive off businesses to reduce debt.

Other venture capitalists are less sure, though. 3i, the biggest of the lot, detects no discernible slackening of the rate of deals walking through its doors. Ditto Schroder Ventures. Gordon Bonnyman, at Charterhouse Development Capital, thinks likewise, but he points out that everything runs in cycles, and the MBO boom will one day have to turn down. This looks about right, and the above reasons suggest now is the time. The market last overheated in

1989 because financiers were paying silly prices and putting in too much debt as against equity. Inevitably, economic slowdown sunk some of those businesses.

After two extremely good years, a degree of renewed caution is understandable. But what fun while it lasted.

Alternating currents

□ NATIONAL POWER is in a cheerful mood these days. Inves-tors are hearing of a bright future of ambitious overseas expansion and a healthy 20 to 25

expansion and a neating 20 to 25 per cent of the UK's generation output by the year 2000.

But wait. Is this not the same National Power that told the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that it expected to lose market share to the new independent generators, leaving it with just 13.9 per cent to 20.5 per cent of the market? It seems those figures, formally laid before the competition authorities, have taken a little revision since the company was telling the world how taking over Southern Electric, a regional electricity com-pany, would not consolidate the industry to an unacceptable level. The story then was that the

two generators were at the mercy

of hordes of new generators queueing up to take advantage of weak gas prices and start pumpweak gas prices and start pumping out cheap power. Goodness,
National Power said, brushing
away a tear, there might one day
be hardly be anything left of the
once-massive monolith.

One veto by Ian Lang later and
market expectations are quite
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different. Why suddenly so cheerful? The firming of the gas price, a spokesman explains. We just don't see as many new generators keen to enter the fray as we did then. But hang on. The spot price of gas may have moved a little but long-term contracts have hardly budged. Still, the new market share expectations might just scare off one or two of those new scare off one or two of those new entrants and bolster a weak share

Crossed wires

☐ IF imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Cable and Wireless must have been delighted by BT's French connection. C&W has been written off by BT among others as an investment trust because it tends to hold minority investments around the world. Now BT has adopted the same formula, with a 25 per cent stake in the French deal and, with the exception of Spain, a minority holding in every new foreign venture. Maybe C&W

Bad weather hits profits at Redland

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

REDLAND, the building materials group, yesterday blamed bad weather for a slump in its profits.

A severe winter had swept across its European operations, "exacerbating already difficult market conditions", Redland said.

The company said that it was to cut 250 jobs in France after trade in aggregates proved worse than expected. Aggregates in France have come under additional pressure as the country reduces public spending on intrastructure projects in order to meet the Maastricht criteria for European Monetary Union.

Redland followed a series of building sector companies in declaring sharp falls in profits when it reported a 42 per cent slide in pre-tax profits, to £95.5 million, for its first half.

The interim dividend, due on December 16, is held at 5.5p. Redland threw a more optimistic light on its figures than

some construction companies by predicting improvement later in the year as a higher level of cost savings kick in. Redland's European tiling operations took the brunt of a downturn in demand from the

profits sliding to £69 million, from £119.4 million. Weather delays to building work worsened already poor demand in Germany and France.

Redland said that it was hopeful of recovery in Germany. There, it is largely exposed to the housing market through its rooting work and it is confident of increased activity in housing. It said that housing permits, an indicator of short-term prospects, rose by 3 per cent in the main market area for pitched roofing. Rediand also expects cost savings of £10 million in its German businesses in the full year. In the UK, low spending roadbuilding and other infrastructure projects affected aggregates, with profits down to £27.5 million, from £35 million. However, Redland said that improving prices helped to offset a fall in volumes.

In France, where the 250 jobs will be lost, Redland expects annual cost savings of about £6 million from restructuring to come through by 1997.

Savings from restructuring already in train throughout the group are expected to deliver up to £30 million.

AEA Technology in strong market debut

By CLARE STEWART

SHARES of AEA Technology achieved a strong premium on their first day's trading. The shares, offered at 280p, leapt ahead in early trading and closed at 323 p. More than 20 million shares changed hands.

The rise took the company's market value to £258 million from £224

AEA was formerly the research and advisory division of the state-owned Atomic Energy Authority. About 3,300 of AEA Technology's

staff subscribed for shares. The offer to private inves-tors was seven times oversubscribed. Most received a fifth of the shares applied for. ☐ Shares in Brunner Mond.

group, made a less-successful debut. Offered at 175p, they closed at 1702 p after touching

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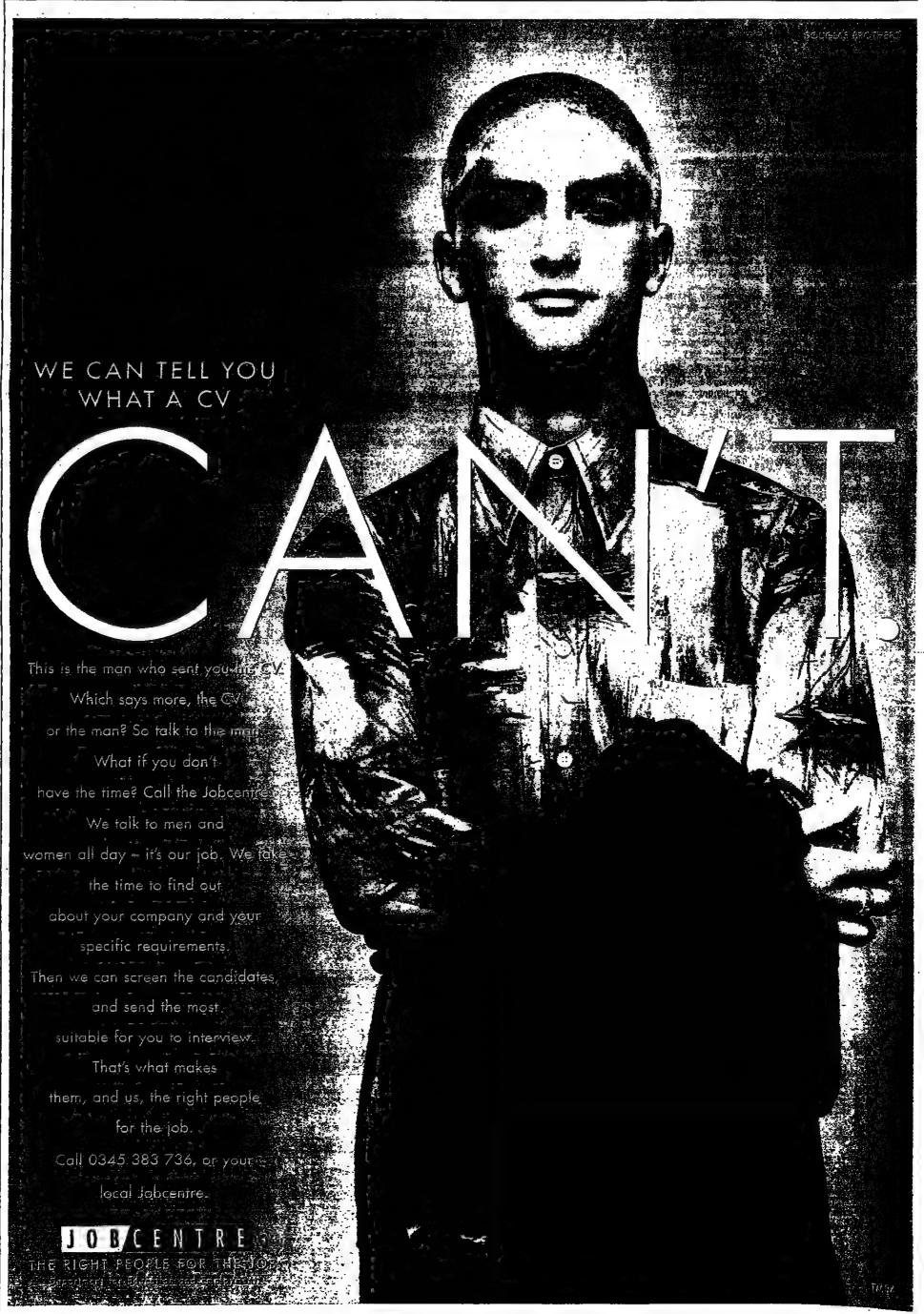
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Plan for 'mad cow' test beefs up research group

open sharply higher when trading resumes this morning after the group announced plans last night to develop a process that can identify "mad cow" disease in humans.

The group was forced to issue the statement after this week's disclosures by Professor Michael Harrington and his team in the US. Electrophoretics has acquired a licence from the National Institute of Health in the US to commercialise a patent for the process discovered by Professor Harrington.

It is already able to test patients exhibiting symptoms of the disease. Brokers say that the new process can be developed for commercial use and it would provide a significant boost to the group's long-term prospects. The announcement came too late to affect the shares, which closed unchanged at 65p.

The rest of the equity market traded in narrow limits for much of the day, unable to build on Wednesday's advances. After reversing an earlier 6.5-point lead, the FT-SE 100 index closed 2.5 down at 3,933.2. A total of 635 million shares were traded.

Zeneca boiled over, finishing 72p lower at £15.47 as Bayer, the German pharmaceutical group, formally denied that it planned to bid for the company.

P&O rose 8p to 603p as BZW added its weight to recent buy recommendations from Panmure Gordon and UBS. But BAT Industries lost 712p at 43812p ahead of a court ruling in the US.

Dixons fell 9p to 523 2p as Sun Life Group announced it had sold almost 750,000 shares, reducing its holding to 20.98 million shares, or 4.99 per cent. This week. Mark Souhami exercised options on 102.620 shares at 306p and 330p which he later sold in the market at 546p.

Great Universal Stores continued to benefit from a buy recommendation from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, with a rise of 102p at 646p. But there were setbacks for Kingfisher, down 10p to 637 2 p, Next, 3 2 p to 56 lp. and Oliver Group, 312p to 32p. House of Fraser marked time at 157p ahead of figures next week expected to reveal further losses. Kwik Save continued to reel from this week's



Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, which dipped 9p

it Lyonnais Laing, the broker, with the price dropping a further 29p to 3124p, for a two-day deficit of 54p. Now NatWest Securities and ABN Amro Hoare Govett have joined in on the act. NatWest has called for store closures and says the dividend should

Standard Chartered fell lóp to 690p as investors began

323½ p. a premium of 43½ p. It was a different story for Brunner Mond, the subject of a buyout from ICI in 1991, with the shares failing to hold on to an early premium. Placed at 175p, the shares soon established a 44p premium before sliding back on lack of follow through by investors. They closed at 1704 p, a discount of 42p. Brokers said that with a

More O'Ferrall, the advertising group, fell 184p to 6504p as a line of stock went through the market. UBS, the broker, managed to place I million shares, about 3 per cent of the company, at 651p. The shares belonged to a party of would-be institutional sellers. UBS said it merely matched buyers with sellers.

switching into HSBC, 2באף lighter at £12.025. Struggling BTR was steady at Z71p after giving a presentation to brokers in the City.

Newcomer AEA Technology got off to a flying start in first-time dealings. The shares were offered at 280p after attracting strong institutional demand. They breached the 300p level within minutes and hit 32812p before settling at

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poor set of figures due out from ICI, up 512p at 826p, investors were reluctant to back the issue.

Courtaulds was carried 132p higher to 4732p on claims that the shares were a chart buy. Nomura, the Japanese securities house, was said to be in the bidding.

BT clawed back some of

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half figures from Redland were rewarded with a rise of 212p at 447p. Even so profits to £95 million although most market estimates had been pitched at around the £86 million mark.

The market shrugged off the downturn in full-year profits at Beazer Homes with the price adding 34 p at 187p after evidence of a rise in house

Barratt Developments, which reported earlier this week, slipped 2½p to 272p.

to 10% D. Interim figures from Trinity Holdings were in line with expectations, but continuing problems with its Malaysian bus operation left the shares

A trading update from Hozelock failed to cut any ice with brokers. The shares fell 19p to 488 2p GILT-EDGED: The

London bond market took heart from US treasury bonds expected rise in consumer durable goods in August.

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Spirited performance

ANALYSTS appeared neither shaken nor stirred after drinks group Guinness unveiled half-year profits up 5 per cent at £357 million. The results were a little better than most City forecasts but not deemed exciting enough to jolly the shares into activity.

The company's outlined policy of pushing through price increases on spirits, moving away from price promotions and spending more on marketing to help build beer and spirits brand, will not deliver the immediate kick that some in the City were hoping for.

The main thrust of the business is to expand it organically, said Tony Greener, the chairman. He poured further cold water on suggestions made earlier in the summer that

the group had GrandMet in its sights.

All of which adds up to a bumpier ride in the short term, as some volume is lost on

strategy should deliver stronger brands

Together with the much more visible marketing of its key brands in a number of international markets. Guinness points to its increased spend on new product development. In particular the group is keen to grab the palates of the young adult market with drinks such as gin based GinZing, and Bell's mixers, teaming the whisky with cola,

lemonade and Lm Bru. Analysts are expecting full-year pre-tax profits to come in at just under £1 billion this year, with earnings of 33p and a dividend of lop. While the promised progress looks slow and steady rather than exciting, an expected yield of 5 per cent in 1997 is beginning to look more attractive - even though it is definitely a

case of jam tomorrow.

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RECENT ISSUES

THE picture is not exactly rosy for Redland but it could be a lot worse. So used to gloom from the buildings sector has the market be come that Redland's mere 42 per cent drop in profits was gratefully received and gave the share price a modest

Confidence, however, was buoyed by the upbeat predic tions from the company that things were on course to get quite a bit better by the end

of the year. For the first half of this year, grim weather was blamed by the company for much of its poor fortunes. Beyond this Redland is a

substantial way down the restructuring path and investors hope to see benefits feed through soon. In Germany, where Redland derives about half of its operating

sector can look forward to continued strong demand. Demographics show that

driven by the increase in divorces and singleparenthood. Beazer says current trading is good "against a backdrop of increasing consumer confidence" but warns shareholders that it is necessary to maintain sales momentum in the current year. Reservations in the current year are up a third on the same time

there is an underlying de-

mand for 180,000 new houses

per annum, compared to the

present 150,000. This trend is

ULTRA Electronics Holdings, the aircraft instrument maker, comes to the market on reassuringly solid credentials. As a company it has existed for little more than three years but its businesses go back for 40 years.

Under new management,

dismal market has taken Redland by surprise and it will have to axe a further 250 jobs. It hopes to see 56 million in benefits from downsizing by 1997.

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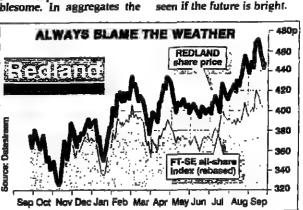
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The City may have been encouraged that things were not as desperate at Redland as they had feared but it will be some time before it can be seen if the future is bright.



Beazer

BEAZER Homes aiready knows what it wants for Christmas: a general election. The timing of the election will make a big difference on new orders over the next eight months. Political uncertainty during an election campaign frightens many people thinking about buying new homes because of the possibility of interest rate and tax changes. Because construction is a cyclical industry, the timing particularly important The closer the election is to the cyclical peak, the greater the damage. The Prime Min-

ister will have to call an election by May 1997. While Beazer cares about the timing of the election, its result is not expected to make any difference. A Tory gov-ernment would probably bring lower taxes, the group said, but a Labour government would be more likely to invest in social housing. Beyond the election, the

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it has since quadrupled in

size and now boasts an order book worth £184 million at

the half-year. The orders are perhaps its best advert. They are evenly split over the next three years, assuring investors of profit and dividend forecasts.

Ultra should have little difficulty in reaching annual growth of around 15 per cent and delivering dividend cover of at least two and a half

But the crystal ball gets cloudy after 1999. Ultra's margins, at 15 per cent, may not be sustainable for long. Also, its reliance on the Ministry of Defence, which provides 30 per cent of current sales, may give an unwanted degree of political

leverage Expansion in North America is an encouraging sign that it may keep up the growth it has shown so far. At 250p, its shares come on a multiple of 16 times — slightly below the average for the sector. Modest, given its

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Goode idea for last-minute gift

A CHARMING tale from the old trading floor at the London Stock Exchange where a guest at the tenth anniversary party to cele-brate the Big Bang paid over the odds for his wife's birthday present.

It wasn't until the gentleman in question arrived at the "themed" reception that he realised Wednesday was in fact his wife's birthday. To escape the dog house, he bid £800 for the last two remaining sets of five commemorative Big Bang plates in gold leaf, commissioned from Thomas Goode in 1986. Lucky her.

Make Imroads

NEWTON, having suffered the ignominy of being hauled before the beak and fined £85,000 for breaking City rules, has taken precautionary measures to ensure that it does not happen again. The fund manager now boasts a compliance department of seven people of whom two are former officials of Imro, the watchdogturned-rottweiler headed by Philip Thorpe that handed out the fine in the first place.

Never too old

Peter Stringfellow is planning a £60 million flotation of his nightclub chain to fund the nationwide expansion of his topless dancing show, the 55-yearold swinger is hosting a briefing on behalf of IFA Promotions. "Saving Smarter for a Rave Retirement", set up by the group that markets independen financial advice, boasts Sale of the Century star Nicholas Parsons as guest speaker. A gang of oldies has been hired from an acting agency to add to the atmosphere at the nightclub; the original plan was to invite a nearby old folks



"Cash deal, 20% off or I give the VAT a tinkle - know what I mean?"

JOAN COLLINS was in the City yesterday, dis-tracting diners from their fodder at Gladwin's restaurant in Minster Court. Her High-networthiness fed on asparagus and gravadlax. while owner Peter Gladwin rushed around her with vegeta-bles from his garden in Nutbourne and his best Nutbourne Manor Sussex Reserve 1995. Before long. the luvvies were swapping books; The Second Act, Joan's autobiography, and Party Ingredients, Pe-ter's cookbook.

Kiss to tell

mist. It has hired Henry Kissinger for £400,000 to make his first advertisement for the UK. The former US Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize winner will make his British screen acting debut in a 30-second slot in the middle of Monday's News At Ten. The man who was caught peering down the cleavage of Diana, Prin-cess of Wales, earlier this year, was chosen to head the eight-week campaign. David Abbott, who is the chairman and creative director of the British agency that made the commercial. gushes: "Kissinger was chosen for his daunting

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

IMF delivers a spectacular recantation of monetarism

In two sentences of 'World Economic Outlook', the Fund threw away the core of the

Friedman doctrine

s economics a rational, empirical discipline, akin to the natural sciences, though not, of course, their equal? Or is it an ideology, relying for its influence not on reason or experience but on self-interest and faith? The annual meeting of finance ministers and central bankers at the International Monetary Fund in Washington is often marked by currency speculation, but rarely inspires philosophical speculation. And this week there has, indeed, been plenty for the financial speculators to get stuck into — for example, the IMF's unusually explicit call for further reductions in German interest rates and a bigger depreciation of the German mark. But looking beyond the day-to-day gyrations of the markets, there is a far more interesting — in fact, truly historic — philsophical dimension to this year's Washington jamboree. This is revealed in the World Economic Outlook

(WEO) prepared by the IMF staff. Concealed in the dry, technical prose of this year's WEO are some philosophical assertions whose importance for economic policies in the years ahead dwarfs the significance of the IMF's comments about short-term prospects for the world economy. In fact, this WEO amounts to a spectacular recantation of the monetarist conventional wisdom that has governed economic policymaking outside America for ten to 20 years, and which - in my view — is largely responsible for Europe's crisis of mass unemployment. Specifically, the IMF now makes the following assertions, directly rejecting all of the fundamental axioms of monetarism, as stated in Milton Friedman's notorious presidential lecture to the American Economic Association, restated even more dogmatically by Nigel Lawson in his 1985 Mais Lecture, and parroted by every British

Chancellor (and Shadow Chancellor). ☐ The IMF no longer believes that monetary policy must be directed solely at maintaining low inflation. At the same time as limiting inflation. monetary policy must also try to stabilise output and minimise cyclical unemployment. "The proper conduct of monetary policy does not consist only of raising short-term interest rates to forestall a potential rise in inflationary pressures. Overambition in smoothing output, without regard to inflationary risks, is counterproductive. But overambition in reducing

inflation too rapidly also has unwar-

ranted adverse consequences for out-

put and employment." ☐ The IMF now rejects the idea at the heart of monetarism — that inflation and nominal national income are somehow automatically determined by the growth of the money supply. Changes in the money supply do not directly affect prices or nominal spending, it says. Rather, interest rates work through a number of channels to affect real economic activity and employment. It is only by suppressing or stimulating employment and real economic activity that monetary policy

indirectly affects inflation. For a generation of economists brought up on the Nobel-prizewinning claptrap of monetarism and rational expectations, the assertion that monetary policy acts mainly on employment



Hans Tietmeyer: wedded to talismanic M3 target



Michael Camdessus: endorsed anti-Bundesbank views



and only indirectly on inflation, is as heretical as Galileo's assertion that the Earth goes round the Sun. Let me quote from the WEO: "A higher interest rate prompts a reduction in current expenditure on investment goods and probably on consumption. including housing and durables, and therefore lowers domestic demand. The associated reduction in activity increases excess capacity and unemployment, which, in turn, put downward pressure on inflation.

After throwing away the core of monetarism with these two sentences, the WEO goes on to examine other channels through which monetary

policy can influence activity and employment, and thereby indirectly affect inflation: asset values, exchange rates and bank lending prac-tices. This long discussion does not even mention the stable demand to hold money balances, which was

the bedrock of the Friedman theory. This leads to the IMFs next recantation

☐ The IMF also formally rejects monetary targets. "The lesson that emerges from the experience with monetary targeting is that monetary aggregates cannot be relied upon to provide targets sufficient in themselves to guide monetary policy." With a sarcastic wink at the Bundesbank that fairly leaps from between the lines, it states approvingly: "During the 1980s most central banks with some notable exceptions — either abandoned or downplayed the role of monetary targets."

With Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, now pressing for a European-wide monetary target. modelled on its own talismanic target for German M3 - and known to be strongly against British-style inflation targets - the IMF's views are of much more than theoretical interest. The IMF's clear disdain for the Bundesbank approach, and apparent preference for inflation targets, does not just represent the best judgment of the IMFs staff economists. It also seems to reflect the views of Michel Camdessus, the Fund's managing director, and a close ally of the French Government and the Bank of France. Judging by these comments, the battle over the conduct of monetary policy by the European Central Bank after EMU

is only just beginning. Fortunately for Europe a victory for the Bundesbank's approach is by no means assured. ☐ Finally, the IMF is having

having second thoughts about the most damaging and persistent theoretical legacy of the monetarera. This is Friedman's doctrine of

the non-accelerating rate of unemployment (NAIRU). Friedman asserted that in any economy there is one level of unemployment with a very peculiar property: if monetary policy is loosened so that unemployment falls below this level, ever-acclerating inflation will result. Although nobody has ever been able to discover the NAIRU for any particular country, economists and policymakers have taken its existence as an article of faith. Worse, they have used it to justify the continuation of mass joblessness.

In the past year this pernicious doctrine has been put to the test by a brave central banker - Alan Greenspan of the Fed. Although most economists in America "estimated" that the NAIRU was somewhere above the 6 per cent range, Mr Greenspan has repeatedly refused to tighten monetary policy as unemployment fell to its present 5.1 per cent. This week he confounded the analysts yet again by refusing to raise interest rates - and, contrary to some press reports, Michael Mussa, the IMF's chief economist, endorsed his decision. Mr Mussa agreed that the Fed was

conducting an experiment to discover how far, and how fast, the economy can expand before inflation is triggered. Such an experiment is, indeed, the only rational way to discover what the NAIRU is, or whether it exists. But what is the relevance for the rest of the world? The IMF states in the WEO that NAIRU for continental Europe is between 8 and 9 per cent. But Mr Mussa conceded there was no defini-tive evidence for this assertion. As in America, the only way to discover how far unemployment can fall without triggering inflation will be to allow it to go on falling. Why, then, did the IMF not say this?

This is how Mr Mussa replied: "The NAIRU is a bit like an economists' unicorn --- a mythical beast we've never met head-on and perhaps wouldn't want to. The sustainable rate of unemployment in Europe could well be below 9 or 8 per cent. When we get to that point let's find out. But it would be a mistake to find out too fast by gunning the European economy for a year or two of very rapid growth. Once we get unemployment down to 9 per cent, the question about an experiment like the Fed's can be raised."

Mr Mussa may be too cautious. But at least he is talking the rational language of learning from empirical results. That is a giant step forward. More importantly, this new non-degree is thicking could expected. dogmatic thinking could eventually help the jobless of Europe - as it has already helped America's unemployed.

Minor success in the battle to end poverty

British pragmatism has triumphed on Third World debt, says Janet Bush

Nwo years of unedifying haggling later, we should see an international agreement on debt relief for some of the world's poorest countries in the next few days. The HIPC (Highly Indebted Poor Country Debt initiative) is likely to be nodded through at next week's International Mone-tary Fund and World Bank

annual meetings.

This is a triumph for the Treasury which has cam-paigned tirelessly on the issue. British pragmatism has persuaded the IMF (for the first time in its 50 years) that there is a debt problem which has meant that economic progress in many countries is still-born.

And, putting any moral discussions to one side, Britain has successfully argued that there is no point in pursuing poor nations to pay off their debt when there is patently no prospect of them being able to

do so. But the agree-ment is only less than Walt a qualified triumph. Disney spent on establishing its Euro Disney word thetic"

the procrastinations of rich country creditors such as Germany instead of his Eurosceptic colleagues at home. The amount of money involved and the number of countries likely to be eligible — about 20, mostly in Africa — is

theme park

small, the conditions penal. The largest estimate by IMF and World Bank staff of the total cost of debt relief divided between the multilateral institutions and Paris Club creditors — is \$7.7 billion. As Oxfam points out in a study published yester-day, this is less than the amount spent by Wait Dis-ney in establishing its Euro Disney theme park.

Even if all parties come up with their expected contributions to the effort over the next week, the actual level of debt relief is much smaller than any of the triumphalist headlines will suggest. Britain has been pressing fellow

Club to go be-yond the 67 per cent debt relief in the so-called Na-Terms and commit to 80 or even 90 per cent. Paris ileved, has broadly agreed move towards 80 per cent although some members refuse to sign up to an explicit

World Bank staff estimates, based on a moderately positive assumption of

export growth in the poor countries at issue month, if only in a public plus 80 per cent debt relief. show that the amount of debt written off is very low, not least because there is a spider's web of rules about which chunks of debt are eligible. For Paris Club debt. it is only an average 16.7 per

This delay is particularly damaging given that the World Bank is predicting a fall in the price of commod-ities on which the highly indebted countries are often dependent for their export earnings. Uganda theoretically gets nothing until the year 2000 despite its exemplary track record of economic reform and its efforts to sustain repayments even in the face of severe financial It is worth remember-The amount is

cent and only 25.3 per cent for multilateral debt.

have to undergo two successive IMF economic

programmes for a total of six

years before they become

eligible. Unless current rules

are relaxed, only three coun-

tries - Uganda, Bolivia and

Guyana — have a chance of getting debt relief by the millennium, according to the

Debt Crisis Network.

An even more egregious

ing what the IMFs Kamsaid in June: cal year, the

found that Uganda's economic and financial performance has

again been outstanding."
Uganda's repayments on external debt will amount to \$184 million in 1996-97, just over \$9 for every man, woman and child. Under the HIPC initiative, Oxfam calculates that some \$240 million would be saved in real terms over the next three years. This is four times what the Ugandan Government currently spends on primary education and six times the level of spending

on primary healthcare. Oxfam reckons that the savings over the next three years would simultaneously provide basic healthcare for two million people, full immunisation for one million children, access to clean water for a million, a full set of basic books and teaching materials for two million primary schoolchildren and

> one million. So despite HIPC's manifest shortcomings, it should not be written off as a useless effort because it will make some difference. And there are already signs emerging of greater flexi-bility and generosity. Some reports suggest that Norway may in the Paris Club and commit unilaterally to 90 per cent relief. There is talk may get some

latrines for



The poorest children may be the first to benefit from the debt initiative

debt relief as early as next relations exercise to show that the initiative means something. Britain should now start pushing its international partners to exploit such developments and build swiftly on what has already been achieved.

BT selects a far from easy number

PROPOSED CORPORATE STRUCTURE

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Europe 9

British Telecom has filled the last big hole in its European strategy. Yesterday, it announced that it has joined forces with Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the utility and industrial group, to chip away at France Telecom's dominance in the telecommunications market. Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, said the deal is part of BT's goal to make continental Europe "part of our extend-ed market" and follows similar alliances formed over the past two years in Spain, Germany, Italy, Sweden and The Netherlands.

Cable and Wireless, owner of Mercury Communications. BT's main domestic rival, is following a similar strategy in an effort to develop a pan-European network. Why the rush? The telecoms market on the Continent is to be deregulated in 1998 and many of the world's top phone companies want to be in at the start.

None of the upstarts expects to topple the likes of Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and Italy's Stet, but seem confident, at minimum, of creating a strong second force in the market. While BT and C&W

(Fra) 25% 15% of SFR (Mobile Phone Co) 20% of SFR owned by Vodations per cent of the French telecoms Continent, their chances of

success are far from assured. Years may pass before any of their alliances makes a profit: the investment costs could be enormous, and the dominant operators will fight like tigers to avoid losing market share.

BT is the perfect example. Fourteen years after privatisation, it is the main operator in almost every business category in spite of the presence of 150 competitors of various shapes and forms. BT's French deal is ambitious. BT and its partners

market. To get things moving, it paid £1.1 billion for a 25 per cent stake in a new company called Cegetel.

Cegetel's other owners are Générale des Eaux (50 per cent), South Western Bell, the regional US phone company (15 per cent) and Mannesmann, the German industrial and telecoms group (10 per cent). Cegetel's main asset is a 77 per cent holding in SFR. France's second largest mobile phone company, which is 700,000 customers and claims to be recruiting 40 per cent of all new subscribers.

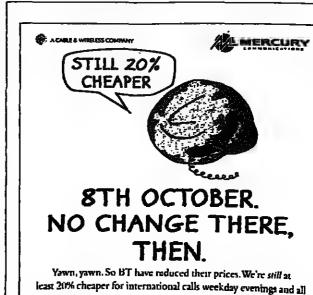
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Cegetel's work has only just begun. It has to secure a full telecoms licence from the Government and, because it does not have its own terrestrial nétwork, needs to negotiate an interconnection agreement with France Telecom. On its own, BT is bidding for the telecoms business of SNCF, the state-controlled train operator. If it wins, BT probably would transfer the SNCF divicables go everywhere the trains go, this would give Cegetel an instant national telecoms network.

Some analysts think that BT's European plans are over-ly ambitious. They note that Mercury's experience in Britain proves that competing on price alone is not the route to success. BT and its partners will have to compete on quality of service and products. France Telecom is fairly well regarded for its modern net-work, range of services and competitive prices.

Germany presents a different problem. Viag Interkom, BT's telecoms partnership with Viag, the German utility. might have trouble negotiating a favourable interconnection agreement with Deutsche Telekom. The Government knows that an agreement that gives competitors inexpensive access to Telekom's network would stimulate competition. but too much competition might trigger more redundancies. BT is in a bind. Competition is slowing its growth at home but continental Europe will not generate growth as quickly as it hopes.

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Dip in UK oil and gas output

UK OIL and gas production fell to a 12-month low in August, although strengthening oil prices helped to offset the full impact.

The Royal Bank of Scotland's monthly oil and gas index said oil output fell 6.9 per cent in August because of scheduled maintenance work, to 2.3 million barrels per day (bpd), 5.8 per cent lower than in August 1995.

However, the average price of Brent crude rose to \$20.51 in August, its second-highest of the year, 4.8 per cent up on July and 27.6 per cent up on August 1995. Daily oil revenues fell 2.2 per cent to £30.9 million but were nearly 22 per cent higher than a year ago.

Gas production fell for the sixth successive month. Output was down 3.4 per cent on July although 26.9 per cent higher than in August last year.

Oil prices rose steeply in September on renewed conflict between Iraq and America with Brent crude at \$23.15 yesterday.

Fyffes plans Europe drive

FYFFES, the fresh-food company based in the Irish Republic which controls one-fifth of the EU banana market, said yesterday it would use the cash from the disposal of a major Central American operation to expand in Europe.

The company sold its 50 per cent stake in Banana Trading Corporation to a Dole Food Company subsidiary for \$26.3 million.

The corporation, which owns a Guatemaian banana farming business and farm assets in Honduras, was the main supplier for Pyffes' US operation. Last year the operation. with only a 25 per cent market share, made a loss of about IrEI million.

Carl McCann, Fyffes deputy chairman, said: The cash generated will be used to continue the group's programme of European expansion."

Fyffes has agreed shipping arrangements with Dole, for transporting bananas, which it said would give both companies significant economies of scale.

Ultra aiming to raise £27.4m in market flotation

By Fraser Nelson

ULTRA Electronic Holdings, which makes electrical instruments for aircraft, is seeking a stock market flotation via a share placing that values the company at £162.5 million.

Julian Blogh, chief executive, and Ian Yeoman, finance director, led a management team that bought the com-pany for £40 million three years ago, buying seven busi-nesses from the TI Group. The bid was backed by Phildrew Ventures and a consortium of banks led by the

Bank of Scotland Mr Blogh said that he had managed to secure the good price from the uncertainty surrounding the defence sec tor in the aftermath of the Gulf War and the end of the

BEAZER HOMES, the build-

ing group, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits — to £46.5 million from £55.7 million —

in the year to June 30, in spite

of a marked improvement in

11.78p a share, from 13.95p, the

company has increased the

total dividend to op, from

5.85p, with a final payment of

4p. The shares rose 3½p to close at 187p.
Victor Benjamin, chairman,

said that the group had achieved one of its highest

levels of completions and that

house reservations in the cur-

rent financial year were al-

ready up one third on 1995. "In

a challenging year the group

was able to make major

strides in development, broad-

ening its approach to the

The group's average selling

price for a home rose by 3 per cent in the year, to 263,300.

reflecting a minor change to

the product mix and a lower

market," he said.

Although earnings fell to

fortunes in the second half.



Tempus, page 26 Ultra hopeful: Julian Blogh, right, and Ian Yeoman after the flotation announcement

Beazer optimistic after strong performance in second half

ating profits recovered to finish 13 per cent lower year-onyear, after dipping by 22 per cent in the first six months. In a statement on its business outlook, the group said: 'Against a backdrop of increasing consumer confidence

£120 million (£97.3 million).

tions at 250p each. The issue

was 24 times subscribed.

worth £184 million.

current trading is good. But this is an election year and the challenge that the group faces this year will be to maintain its sales momentum against any impact from the pre-election

election, the underlying strength of the market will enable the group's continued progress, driven by its clarity of organisation."

The group's land bank was 20,167 plots by the year end, an an average value of £12,900 per plot. Strategic land holdings were also strengthened, with the group holding 3,300 acres of land without planning status. A further 4,200 acres are held under option agree; ments, which the group is promoting through a plan-

ning system. Beazer is currently expecting that material suppliers will raise prices in view of the upturn in the construction sector. To keep such cost increases under control the group is including cost inflaion within its land acquisition appraisals, which should help

to protect margins. The composition of the board changed during the ear, with Andrew Calvert being appointed financial director after David Smith moved to an operational role. The final dividend will be paid on November 18 to sharenolders listed on the register on October 15.

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Oliver Group trips again



ions continued to trip up Oliver Group, the shoe retailer, in its first half (Clare Stewart writes).

Oliver reported an operating loss of £5.01 million, against 1995 losses of £2.3 million, and turnover down by nearly 15 per cent, to £29.4 million.

Denis Cassidy, chairman. said the results reflected flat bulence in the market from the collapse of the Facia group", which included Saxone and Hush Puppies shoe shops.

shire helped the balance sheet, netting £13.4 million to give a pre-tax profit of £7.6 million, against a comparable loss of £3.1 million last year, and gearing fell from 104 per cent to 30 per cent. There is again no interim dividend.

Oliver Group has 310 shops under the Olivers, Timpsons and Paris names. It is testing a number of new-style outlets, which, Mr Cassidy says, have shown encouraging results.

A further operating loss is expected in the second half.

Lufthansa

says BA

is winning

ticket war

BY OLIVER AUGUST

BRITISH AIRWAYS is win-

ning the ticket war in Europe

Lufthansa, the German carrier, said it had seen a sharp drop in market share and

profits through being under-

cut by up to 45 per cent on

domestic sales. Hemjoe Klein, a Lufthansa

marketing executive, told a meeting of travel agents in Berlin: Traffic is being si-

phoned off with cheap offers. The German market is being

reduced to a connecting func-

tion for London, Paris, Am-

In the first half of this year Lufthansa lost 250,000 cus-

tomers and DM50 million

count offers in Germany from other European airlines. Herr Klein said. He named BA as

an especially tough competitor, along with Air France.
The proposed BA/American

Airlines alliance, being considered by the Office of

Fair Trading, would heighten

the ticket war. Herr Klein

expected more competition from a BA telephone office in

Bremen that would sell American Airlines tickets.

A BA spokesman said in res-ponse: "Lufthansa has a strong

link with United Airlines as

well as many smaller joint ervices around the world.

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erday.

Higgs & Hill gives warning of loss

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES in Higgs & Hill, the construction and property group, yesterday dropped by 5p to a 12-month low of 7612p after the company gave warning that it would again incur a loss by the year end. The company, which had

been expected to make fullyear pre-tax profits of £1.5 mil-lion, said that it had already run up pre-tax losses of ELS4 million (£593,000 profif) at the halfway stage. George Dun-can, chairman, blamed five loss-making contracts, all due to end by February. Analysts now expect year-end losses to total £2.5 million.

Mr Duncan said that the company had seen signs of recovery in the housing market, and remained confident that this would lift profits in its housing operations. It com-pleted 200 houses in its first half, against 181 last time, but selling prices remained low.

Debt grew from £10.6 million to £15.4 million in the six

months to June 30, taking gearing to 21 per cent. Mr Duncan said that borrowings million through disposal pro-ceeds and settlement of a long dispute with Guy's Hospital. Sales rose from Cl66 million to E174 million, but a sharp fall in profitability left losses of 3.6p a share (0.7p earnings). An interim dividend held at Ip is due on December 5. The shares closed at 77p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Grampian to buy 75% stake in EWM

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS is paying £64.4 million for the 75 per cent stake in Edinburgh Woollen Mill it does not already own. It said EWM will form a new retail division to operate alongside its pharmaceutical and transport divisions. The acquisition will be part-funded via a rights issue of one new share for every five held at 125p each, raising £14.3 million. EWM is a privately-owned company. The Stevenson family holds a 48 per cent interest; directors and employees hold 27 per cent and Grampian the balance. In the year to February 3 pre-tax profits were £8.6 million. Grampian also reported an 11 per cent rise pre-tax to £4.75 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 7 per cent to 4.34p a share and the interim dividend is lifted 8 per cent to 1,95p a share.

Huntleigh sales curb

HUNTLEIGH TECHNOLOGY, the medical products company, said sales were being restrained by current healthcare budgetary pressures in Britain and America, although long-term demand remained strong. In the six months to June 30 the company achieved an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £7.96 million and earnings rose 10 per cent to 18.55p a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 4p a share from 3.5p. The shares fell 25p to 8522p.

Renishaw profits surge

RENISHAW, manufacturer of precision metrology and in-spection equipment, enjoyed a 64 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £15.9 million from £9.7 million, in the year to June 30. Turnover grew 23 per cent to £77.1 million, with strong growth in Britain, Italy and the Far East. Earnings were 26.26p a share, compared with 16.04p previously, after adjustment for a 1-for-6 capitalisation issue. A final dividend of 5.76p a share makes a total of 8.65p (6.41p). The shares rose 8½p.

Trinity takes a tumble

SHARES of Trinity Holdings, the specialist vehicle manufacturer, fell 56p to 2672 p yesterday after the company said it expected little growth in earnings per share this year. The company reported a 7 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £8.1 million for the six months to July 31. But earnings were unchanged at 9.7p a share on an enlarged share capital. The interim dividend rises 8 per cent to 2.8p. Turnover rose 25 per cent to £125.7 million, with strong growth in exports.

Sykes returns to black

ANDREWS SYKES, the air-conditioning, pumps and heating specialist, returned to profit in the half-year to June 30, earning £3.4 million before tax compared with losses of El.5 million in the previous first half. Earnings were 14.2p a share, compared with losses of 16.6p. There is a dividend of 3.5p a share, the first interim dividend to be paid since 1992. The company said gearing was reduced to 16.6 per cent from 61.5 per cent. The shares were unchanged at 485p.

Hawtal Whiting ahead

HAWTAL WHITING HOLDINGS, the automotive services group, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.8 million from £845,000 in the six months to June 30. Activity was subdued in America, although this was likely to prove short-lived, the company said. Losses at the German subsidiary have been reduced. Earnings of S.Sp. a shere recovered from U.S.A. previously but there is again no interior dividend. The shares were unchanged at 160p.

Expansion for DCC

DCC, the Irish industrial holding company, has expanded its food interests by acquiring 50 per cent of Millais Investments, which, in turn, has acquired Allied Foods. Ireland's leading independent distributor of chilled and frozen foods. The remaining 50 per cent of Millais is held by Allied management. The deal involves DCC realising its 30 per cent shareholding in Allied for Ir£3.8 million and investing Ir£2.75 million in Millais.

Clyde Blowers purchase

CLYDE BLOWERS, supplier of soot-blowing and materialsctions and inaterials handling equipment, is acquiring Bergemann Germany and Bergemann USA from Germany's Deutsche Babcock Group for £17.1 million, to be part-funded by a £12 million two-forthree rights issue at 265p. Existing shares rose llp, to 351p. Clyde estimates that the acquisitions have 28 per cent of the global soot-blowing equipment market. Clyde forecast pre-tax profits of £2.31 million for the year to August 31, up 48 per cent.

Bruntcliffe pegs payout

BRUNTCLIFFE AGGREGATES is holding the Interim dividend at 0.4p a share after a fall in pre-tax profits to £601,000 from £860,000 for the six months to June 30. Earnings fell to 0.8p a share from lp. The company blamed poor weather and difficult markets and said the outlook was mixed, with operations in Scotland accounting for 90 per cent of UK turnover. In America, operations in Pennsylvania were performing well. The shares were unchanged at 22½ p.

Harmony loses £5.3m

HARMONY PROPERTY GROUP had iosses of £5.3 million before tax in the year to March 31 after a £3.6 million writedown of asset values. There was an exceptional charge of £460,000 against restructuring. Losses were £1.95 million in the previous year. The latest loss per share was 3.31p (1.23p loss). There was again no dividend. Harmony said none of the property portfolio met the board's criteria and there would be disposals. The shares were unchanged at 34 p.

Radio group in the red

INDEPENDENT Radio Group, the commercial radio station operator with interests in Scotland, Manchester and Sussex, broadcasts to an adult population of 5.4 million with the acquisition of Central Scotland Radio. The company, which began business after raising £9.7 million by way of a placing in October 1995, yesterday reported a loss of £749,000 before tax for the period from incorporation to June 30. The loss per share was 7.5p. There is no dividend.

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Customs opens VAT fraud hotline

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday launched an offensive on VAT fraud in the building trade in an effort to collect £75 million from tax-avoiders in the next

two years.

With two fraud hotlines, it is encouraging customers to shop builders who are not VAT-registered. Businesses with a turnover of more than £47,000 are required to register for VAT, which is charged to customers and passed on to Customs and Excise. The crackdown. mounted in conjunction with the con-

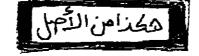
struction industry, sims to tackle the widespread cash-in-hand practice whereby VAT is avoided, and also the practice some building companies to charge VAT to enstomers and then not pass it on cause they are not registered.

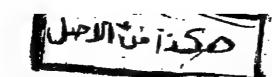
Phillip Oppenheim, the Exchequer Secretary, said: "VAT fraud damages legitimate businesses and damages the image of the industry as a whole. This is why our joint initiative with the construction industry is so important."

problem area in VAT compliance, and we -

are giving the Customs initiative our full support. The integrity of the building industry as a whole is at stake." Brian Flint, a director of the Federation of Master Builders, said his federation supports any move to minimise the shadow economy".

The scheme, part of a wider initiative Customs and Excise to tackle the dow economy, will run for two years in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Birmingham, Oxford and Colchester, In Desirudes, Director General of the operated by 50 VAT officers. It is thought the scheme may encourage businesses to shop other businesses since customers escaping VAT may be loath to complain.





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■ CHOICE I

Radio 3's 50th birthday is celebrated with a world premiere VENUE: Sunday at

the Festival Hall



CHOICE 2

First night for Ted Hughes's translation of **Blood Wedding** VENUE: Opens tonight at the Young Vic

Heart Choreographer Emilyn Claid's new piece runs the garrut of love, death,

Contemporary Dance, Chapetown Road (0113-262 5359) Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

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LIVERPOOL: Parnela Frank joins the

Bulba by Janáček. Přířkamenác Hall, Hope Smet (015) 709 3789) Tonight, 7 30pm.

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■ CHOICE 3

Frans Bruggen performs Rameau and Mozart with the SCO VENUE: Tonight in City Hall, Glasgow

The doormat fights back



■ OPERA

Lynne Dawson prepares to put some backbone into Gluck's most submissive heroine

BIRTHDAY HASH: On Sustiny, at 7.30pm, the BBC Syraphomy Orchestra marks the 50th anniverse the Third Programme (now Radio Andraw Davis conducts the debut Andrew Devis conducts the debut performance of Colin Matthews's vast work, Renewal, written especially for the occasion, followed by Jernáček seuberant Glagotiko Mass With Eva Urbanova, soprano Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo-soprano, Denes Gulyas, tenor, Alexander Antesemov, bass, and the BBC Symphony Chorus Had, Sour Bark, SEt (1)71-960 4242.

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performer Bradley Welsh in his first leading West End role. Described as a

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pramuere: Lindsay Duncan and Stephen Rea in an hour-length two-hander Royal Court Upstains (Ambassadors), West Street, WC2 (0171-730 1745) Tur-

Dance Company, whose six members include two wheelchair users, presents the British premiere at A Cross, Your

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and enterminment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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THEATRE GUIDE

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Li UniCLE VANVA* bill Bryden's stamy Chichester cast Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs, with Richard Johnson in place of Alec McCowen Albery, St Martin's Lene, WC2 (0171– 369 1730) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mate Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until November 16 WHO'S AFFAIR OF VIEINMA.
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OPERA: Lynne Dawson talks to Hilary **Finch** about portraying Iphigenia for Opera

North. Plus, *Elektra* in The Netherlands crowd is gathered for a human sacrifice. It is heaving, baying for blood. Hands Lare raised, bodies strain forward, rolling like a huge wave. Agamemnon enters, holding a knife

aloft. And then the wind turns. The

anger abates. The rehearsal is over. The chorus of Opera North is being given an authentically hard time in Leeds. At the 1774 Paris premiere of Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis the composer himself supervised every rehearsal, and was accused of behaving like a sergeant-major in demanding that his chorus should act as well as sing. The soprano Sophie Arnould, whom Gluck had chosen for the title role, found it all too much and stepped down.

More than 120 years later, the British soprano Lynne Dawson has no such intention. And this despite the challenges of re-creating a work written specifically to make eloquent a language in which it is not now being sung, and abounding with dance music for which, for reasons of budget, there are no dancers. Dawson is not new to the work: she was John Eliot Gardiner's Iphigenia in Aix-en-Provence. But that was ten years ago, and performed in French. A linguist - she was once a professional French translator - must surely be frustrated by having to sing the role in English?

"I'm always sad not to be doing an opera in its original language," she says. "But I think it's right here. I've found myself learning some of it back in the French original, though - just to sense the beauty of the lines." And, doubtless, to be hands-on adviser in a new translation which is constantly being remoulded by director and

Čluck's daunting simplicity of style

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1940s, a postwar period for

is being taken at face value. Dawson had to erase all the vocal ornaments in her score to achieve the clean, sculpted style for which conductor Valentin Reymond is aiming. As for the dance music, some of which is being cunningly snipped, tailored and sewn in at various points during the opera: "Well, it can sound a bit strange out of context," Dawson says, "but I suppose it's better than having to take a bow at the end of each act."

Dawson has had to do some refashioning of the character, too. Iphigenia is pushed around mercilessly: her marriage is arranged; she's deceived into thinking that her fiance has rejected her, then told the marriage is on after all. She then discovers that her father has arranged to have her sacrificed. And she agrees. Is this ludicrous submission? Noble self-denial? A game for control freaks in which she finally turns the tables? "We're beginning to move towards watching Iphigenia discover a new

strength. By Act III, everyone is having to submit to her will. She rejects all their appeals. I've found this very challenging: it's been a long journey." Rather like Dawson's own. As her voice becomes more mature, more fullbodied, and she begins to move from lyric to more dramatic roles, she finds herself turning to Mozart's Countess. Strauss's Octavian, Gluck's Alceste.

And, most recently, to Wagner's Elsa with Daniel Barenboim in Berlin. "That's really thrilling," Dawson says. "I don't like to be pigeon-holed, and at last I'm not. But I would like to work more in my own country - if only I were offered the right roles."

● Iphigenia in Aulis opens on Monday at Opera North, Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds



Lynne Dawson (foreground) and Della Jones, who sings Clytemnestra

Trojans clearly not hoarse

post-Trojan-War drama Richard Strauss's one-act opera *Elektra* (1908) makes a Until very close to the thrilling start to any opera climax of the opera, Decker's season, and the Netherlands is a broadly "traditional" Elektra, in that it follows the Opera has just inaugurated its 1996/97 programme with a recent tradition of presenting man director, Willi Decker, as a starlet-bimbo à la Marilyn Monroe, while Klytaemnestra is played and sung (by the youthful Anne Gjevang) as a rasping, painted hag. Gjevang was effective, but she as no Christa Ludwig.

Controversially, Decker has Orestes (Jukka Rasilainen) murder both his mother and

Elektra Amsterdam

Aegisthus (Walter Raffeiner) and it is unclear whether Elektra (Eva-Marie Bundschuh) impales herself on his knife or whether he kills her by accident or on purpose. The message implied by the final tableau - Orestes ascending the staircase to the palace wearing the crown which has fallen from his

blood-soaked tyranny is replaced by another. That was Kupfer's conclusion 15 years ago, but I am not sure it is that of Strauss and his librettist.

The musical performance under the company's music director. Hartmut Haenchen. was distinguished if not earth-shattering. Haenchen nurturing a cast of lightish voices — gets the Netherlands Philharmonic to play, according to the composer's injunction, transparently, allowing

lyric voices to penetrate, but dramatic punches are inevitably pulled.

Bundschuh makes a good stab at the title role with beautiful, cleanly sung high notes, but breathy ones in the middle and lower registers. She is a whirlwind on stage. though, complemented by silver-voiced Chrysothemis: this is Strauss singing in the lyrical Welitsch style, unheard in this opera, I should think, for 40 years or more. We must hear more of this lovely Danish soprano's Strauss in London.

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SHERYL CROW Sheryl Crow (A&M 540 592)

AFTER all the mean-spirited criti-cism Sheryl Crow has had to endure from the various malcontents who collaborated with her on Tuesday Night Music Club, it is a pleasure to report that this follow-up is as good as, if not better than, her eightmillion-selling debut. Produced and, for the most part, played by Crow herself, it is a collection that fully vindicates her abilities, although it must be said that the sequencing of the tracks does not do her any favours.

Maybe Angels, a sluggish song disfigured by a fluff-on-the-needle guitar sound, is not a promising track to open with, and it is not until the fourth number, Sweet Rosalyn, with its gently shuffling beat and sweetly arching melody line that the album begins to gather momentum.

Crow is not, by inclination, a torchbearer for radical ideas, and those seeking dissonant progres-sions and wild tales of oral sex will need to go elsewhere (although the lyric to Love is a Good Thing has already got the record banned from an American chain store). But she extends her range with Redemption Song, a cry of protest with distinct echoes of Bob Dylan's Masters of War: "Come leaders, come you men great/Let us hear you

And, on tracks such as Hard to Make a Stand and if it Makes You Happy, she distils a trad-rock rifting style, redolent of the Rolling Stones and Lou Reed, into quality songs of timeless appeal.

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Prodigy record than anything remotely resembling an Oasis song. Indeed, with its racing rhythm and hammerblow emphasis on the first beat in the bar, it could almost be "Son of Firestarter", until Gallagher's strange, dopey vocals start to penetrate from somewhere deep in the swirling mix.

A sinister, compelling and downright noisy experience, Setting Sun is a genuine monster on its way to No I.

air. The lyrics are another matter, "I'm past bleeding/It's not the tracks it's where they're leading," he sings on Tenderfoot, a far grittler song written by Tom Morgan and Adam Young that recalls the epic sweep of favourites such as Li'l Seed and (The) Door.

The punk-country sound of Knoxville Girl and Ouldoor Type adds another dimension again, but at the spiritual heart of this album are a string of appealingly tough but soulful numbers - Break Me, Losing Your Mind and One More Time - that reveal a new strength of purpose in the music of this way-

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FOLLOWING on from 1994's MTV Unplugged in New York album, this adds another "live" postscript to the sorry tale of the greatest American band of the 1990s. But whereas the Unplugged session pointed a potential way forward for Nirvana, this LP, recorded at shows between 1989 and 1994, is very much a throwback to the way things used to be.

Attitudes have changed so much since then, not least, one suspects, as an unconscious reaction to the squalid manner of Kurt Cobain's death. So, although white-knuckle versions of songs such as Lithium, Scentless Apprentice and Smells Like Teen Spirit are an accurate document of their era, the coarseness of the production and the sheer weight of tortured aggression al-ready sound surprisingly dated.

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THE little-known guitarist John Parish and the much-celebrated Polly Jean Harvey have conspired to make an album that is easy to admire if rather harder to love. Parish supplies moody, stumbling, blues-derived backdrops for Harvey to decorate with her Gothic vocal scrawl. Beginning with a distraught murmur on Rope Bridge Crossing, she quickly builds up to a jarring peak of dementia on City of No Sun. in which she injects a note of sheer terror into her voice, while keeping it perfectly modulated.





Robust delicacy

BECK/SULZMANN/ LAURENCE/CLARVIS Once is Never Enough (FMR Records CD28-E0496) THE talents of pianist Gordon Beck and saxophonist/flautist Stan Sulzmann are cruelly undersung. So this CD, on which they front a rhythm section composed of bassist Chris Laurence and drummer Paul Clarvis, is particularly welcome. Beck specialises in a virtuosic brand of robust lyricism, his solos packed with musical ideas and delivered with a delicacy which remains uncompromised even when he is at his most vigorous. Suizmann has an emotive,

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warm sound on tenor; on flute he displays a strength not usually associated with the instrument. Both men, therefore, given these improvisational strengths, require supple propulsion from a bassist, and this they receive in generous quantities from Laurence. Clarvis, however, concentrates a little too much on pretty percussive effects to be entirely the subtle powerhouse needed by either the driving or sweetly joyous themes in which the album abounds. Warmly mended nevertheless.

JOE ZAWINUL

My People (Escapade Music ESC 03651-2) ALTHOUGH he's always been open to a plethora of international influences, Joe Zawinul takes eclecticism into downright pan-culturalism on this consistently uplifting, vibrantly rich album. The Vienna-born keyboard player has surrounded himself with a host of singers from Mali (Salif Keita), Turkey (Burhan Ocal). Cameroon (Richard Bona), Venezuela (Thania Sanchez), and Siberia (throat singer Bolot). The resulting courtesy of Zawinul's unwavering musical aim: to return to the source of music (the human voice in all its variety) and combine it with state-ofthe-art electronics and the improvisatory spirit of jazz, to produce that rarest of articles. genuine world music.

CHRIS PARKER

Wisdom of an American fool

David Sinclair finds that John Mellencamp does not share our 'haircut

mentality'

ohn Mellencamp has a message for Oasis: "Get lost. People aren't going to pay money in America to see a hand that gets up there and cusses them. They might be big over here but people in America don't know what's popular in England. They don't care. You guys sent us A Flock Of Seagulls, remember? Oasis — it's the same thing."

In Britain, of course, the response to this outburst is likely to be "John who?". For if Oasis have sold a "mere" three million records in America, then that is nearly three million more than Mellencamp

has sold in Britain.
"So what. I've sold 40 million albums. Who cares? ■ When they've sold 40 or 50 million albums, then you can say Oasis is something." A rare and reluctant visitor

to these shores, where he is still best remembered for the song Jack and Diane, a minor hit in 1982, he is nevertheless a superstar in America.

His 1982 album, American Fool, struck a huge emotional chord, with its storyboard lyrics about ordinary, smalltown folk set to brilliantly crafted bites of anthemic rock'n'roll. A string of mas-sive-selling albums ensued — Uh-Huh (1983). Scarecrow (1985) and The Lonesome Juhilee (1987) - records which helped to shape the course of mainstream American rock. while retaining a sense of homegrown individuality. But Mellencamp's music has always been too firmly rooted in the soil of his own culture to travel easily. His disdainful attitude to playing over here



Country boy: John Mellencamp prides himself on being true to his small-town roots

"Britain is so fashion-oriented. A band will be huge here one week; the next week they're gone. I've got nothing to do with the

haircut mentality you've got over Mellencamp has long pinned his colours to the mast of old-fashioned musicianship and the work

ethic. Appearing at a media showcase at Dingwalls in North London earlier this month, he floored an invited audience with a set of new songs and greatest hits performed with undeviating

conviction and irresistible momentum. The visit was to mark the launch of his new album, Mr Happy Go Lucky, already a Top Ten hit in America, where it is shaping up to be his or success since the glory

days of the 1980s. Part of the excitement is due to the involvement of the New York club DJ, Junior Vasquez, who, as well as co-pro-

ducing the album,

6 Tell Oasis is credited with loops, grooves, that pride is other monkey a terrible "I told the guys that I wanted to enemy to a take the blues of

the 1940s and young man 🤊 combine them with the rhythms of the 1990s. To me that means Robert Johnson on the one hand and

rock'n roll formula that is

Tupak Shakur on the other." Needless to say, it still sounds overwhelmingly like a John Mellencamp album, but there is no doubt that by discreetly harnessing some of the sounds and rhythmic ingenuity of hip-hop, he has injected new urban credibility into a

steeped in the traditions of

Born in Seymour, Indiana on October 7, 1951, Mellencamp lives less than an hour away in a similarly small town called Bloomington. He takes pride in belonging to a rural community, describing him-self and the band as "a bunch of hillbillies from Indiana".

He speaks longingly of his desire to ease up and just spend his days hanging out. In reality, he is far too highly strung for such an existe although he has had to take better care of himself since suffering a mild heart attack two years ago.
"I thought I was invulnera-

ble, but I'm 44 and I've learnt from my mistakes. The goal is to keep going for 25 years; it isn't to be big for a moment and then disappear. You tell that to Oasis. Pride is a terrible enemy to a young man." Mr Happy Go Lucky is released

Caitlin Moran on Baby Bird, the band that tries to leave nothing to chance

gories: the planners and the dreamers. The dreamers are those people with a 24-carat seam of good luck running through their bones. Everything is a happy acci-dent: it is they who are "discovered" while singing absently at the bus stop; who bump into superstars who take a shine to them and guest on their debut album.

The planner is so sure of his talent that be leaves nothing to chance; every detail is carefully worked out. The anner will find out the date of the president of EMI's ighter's birthday, and play a gig on a hired flat-bed truck outside her house. The planner will read and understand his contract, and will want to oversee every part of his career, making every poster, record-sleeve and gig a perfect distillation of his vision.

Enter Steve Jones of Baby Bird. "I started off as an actor, kind of. We'd interact with the audience - we hated the way performers pretend that there's no one there. But I started to starve, and decided to change careers. I'd been recording songs for ages, on a four-track, and 1 sent out demos to every record com-pany in Britain. No one responded, they thought it was outrageous that I'd sent in four-track demos, they wanted proper, professionally

produced product.
They also wanted a band, So I went out and got a hand. Then I set up my own record company, Baby Bird Record-ings, and started to release some albums."

Almost wilfully diverse, each album contains a miniature symphony, a smattering of ballads, several vivid bursts of garage-like pop, and at least three songs that are exercises in simply Being Baby Bird. At their core is a real sweetness - everything seems to be approached with an almost childlike clarity. The albums led to a feeding

frenzy among the big record companies. I was in the amusing position of being

Greatness lurks in the wings

previously sent me curt refus-als," Jones says. "The four-track demos I'd sent them were the four-track demos 1 was releasing as albums. I did all the art-work myself."

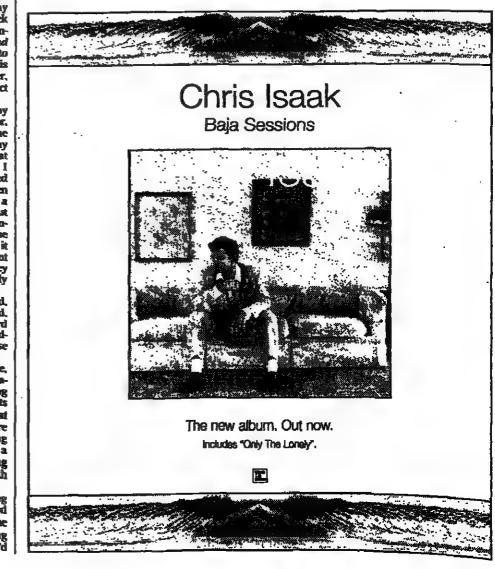
Baby Bird's artwork is, indeed, a work of art. The sleeve for Fatherhood has Jones, pictured naked from

delightful beer-belly and looking contentedly pregnant. "Some of the record companies I talked to wanted to send us to a health-farm to lose weight.") The cover of Bad Shave shows Steve's gruesomely lacerated face as he attempts to shave with a

cheap disposable razor. "The blood and gore was flour, water and red food colouring. It clings to your hair. I had little red bread eyebrows for two days afterwards."

So Steve, I say confidently, you are one of pop's planners. "Everyone thinks that," he smiles, "But we never planned a thing. I just wake up in the morning with an idea, and try and do something about it by the end of the week."

The single. You're Gorgeous, is released on Monday on Echo Records. The album, Ugly Beauti-





■ THEATRE

At the Almeida the superb Diana Rigg triumphs in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?



MUSIC 1

Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos coaxes the Philharmonia through a night in the gardens of Spain



■ MUSIC 2

.. while a German boys' choir and British orchestra mix happily under Robert King



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Another fine marital mess

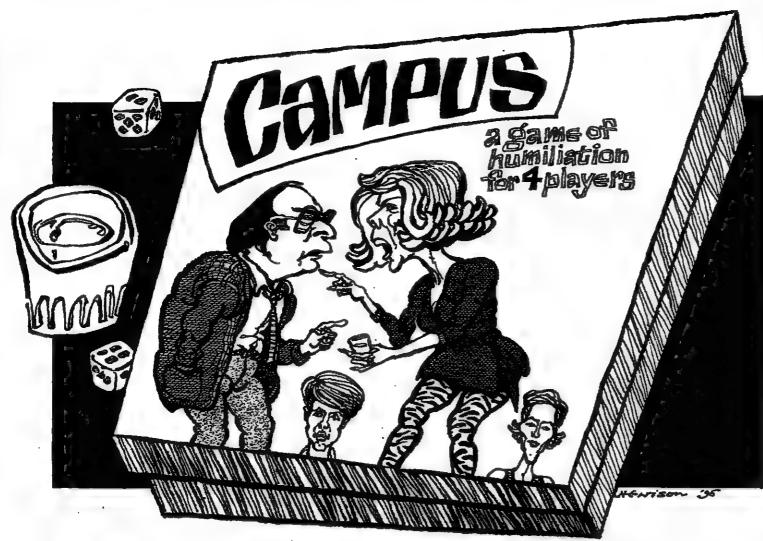
iana Rigg once said that what she most admired in a performer was courage. "guts"; and the older and more eminent she becomes, the more she displays those qualities herself. She might be spending her maturity effortlessly exuding the sweetness and light, wit and fun she possesses in ahundance. Instead, we find her ransacking the theatrical bestiary for tough, challenging roles: a feral Medea, a rasping Mother Courage, and now, with notable success, a character variously described as loud, vulgar, "a slashing, braying

residue", and a "satanic bitch". Her Martha is one half of the marital mess at the epicentre of Edward Albee's Virginia Woolf, and David Suchet's George is the other. He is a history professor at a small New England college, she the univer-

> Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Almeida

sity president's daughter. She mocks him for his failure as a man and an academic; he has her placed as a boozy, sexually rapacious monster. They drink, fence, banter, drink a lot more, play malicious games, exchange poisoned darts, humiliate each other, and flaunt their destructive symbiosis to their late-night guests, a go-getting biologist called Nick and his dim. simpering but inwardly turbulent wife. Honey.

It is George and Martha's exhibitionism that gives the play such plot as it possesses. With alcohol come revelations, and with revelations comes the demolition of life-lies. Lloyd Owen's smug, loveless Nick confides to George that he only married Honey because she had a phantom pregnancy, and George promptly devastates Clare Holman's already shaky Honey by making fun of it. But his main target is, of course, the rampaging Martha. He exposes her consoling fantasy and sustaining myth — that they have a 21-year-old son — as by vindictively declaring boy dead in a car crash.



War of words: David Suchet (George) and Diana Rigg (Martha) slug it out, watched by Lloyd Owen (Nick) and Clare Holman (Honey)

Overwrought, melodramatic stuff? Not as Howard Davies's careful yet intense (and AT&T-sponsored) production presents it. Ugly and disturbing, then? Yes; but the challenge that main actors face is unsentimentally to suggest that behind the Strindbergian venom and sado-masochistic mania is a confused love. There are moments when you see the pain in Suchet's superficially suave and ironic George. You cer-

thwarted yearnings masked by the sensuality, brutality and ferocious glee that add up to Rigg's Martha.

Has the play dated since its premiere in 1962? Well, Martha's tacit assumption that she can and should live through a successful husband is of its period. But the quarrel between George's embattled humanism and the hard-nosed commitment to eugenics he rightly or wrongly attributes to Nick crosses the tainly see the vulnerability and the decades. And beneath the surface across as an incidental sideswipe. later editions

Albee is surely saying something cryptic, hostile and (sadly) still-topical about America itself. Note that the main characters are called after the nation's first president and his wife. Crude Martha, helpless George, infantile Honey and crass Nick: the Albee who two years earlier had written that scathing satire. The American Dream, used Virginia Woolf to spoof America.

But in the theatre all this comes • This review

than political. What gives Virginia Woolf lasting appeal is its portrayal of the sad, stricken, raddled, angry couple so memorably played by Rigg and Suchet. Forty years ago the critic Kenneth Tynan declared that, brilliant and funny though the piece was, it left the heart "unbruised and unmoved". At the Almeida the opposite is true. It moves and it bruises.

Fat issues in a thin plot

FAT is a forbidden word at the Slim for Life dieting club. It has bad connotations, decrees Siobhan, the bossy. falsely peppy group leader in Vanessa Brooks's intelligently critical but unsatisfying new comedy about women and weight.

Siobhan (supertrim. superconfident, superaggra-vating Jenny Funnell) tells her ladies they need to build up their self-confidence even as they congregate every week to climb humiliatingly on the scales and confess if they have succumbed to the temptation of sweets. The Slim for Life regime, says Siobhan, requires total commitment, discipline and sacrifice, otherwise you will never change your life and become that heavenly svelte New You. Siobhan did it. She used to weigh 16 stone. Now she is completely in control, feels terrific, has a job she really believes in, a flash car and an ideal man. Or so she savs.

Brooks does take on interesting issues. This all-female seven-hander (a reaction to the recent spate of boys' plays) touches on eating disorders as Kelly (Constance Barrie), chronically timid and clearly worshipping Siobhan's every word, quietly starves herself down to skin and bone and has to

be hospitalised. Siobhan's character also serves to expose the hypocrisy in those who, paradoxically, instruct women about how they should be more self-determining. While proffering assertiveness training, Siobhan becomes increasingly overbearing, possessively insisting her ladies ignore the patriarchal objections of their husbands

cost (and it costs them dear). Brooks demonstrates shifting social dynamics as the group bond among themselves, begin to bridle get sick of Siobhan's wretched weight-watching. They eventually turn the tables on her, bullying her into confessing her faults. Setting the meetings in a church hall, Brooks indicates that her women are attending a form of full-grown Sunday School, taking Slim for Life's creed as gospel. Siobhan is in fact an idolised, cashgrabbing cult leader, preach-

Love Me Slender Stephen Joseph, Scarborough

ing virtuousness yet inflicting harm. The pursuit of the perfect body is a suspect new

Unfortunately, these points are rammed home far too heavily. While Brooks satirises Siobhan's childish step-by-step diet plan, the play's own skeletal plot is equally unsophisticated. Brooks demonstrates a strong awareness of dramatle structure, but her characters never become quite three dimensional. Still, Irene Sutcliffe's Celia, even if sentimental, is an amusingly eccentric, wise old bird from the green-welly brigade. Sue Claudette is also a wheeze, swishing in like a striptease artist in a mac, giving us a flash of her shockingly garish new frock.

KATE BASSETT

LONDON CONCERTS: Latin fire, an enduring quartet and superb singing

Spanish seductions

low-key opening to its season, the Philharmonia Orchestra marshalled two of the most distinguished Spanish musicians of our time to transform a cheesy old programme into something memorable. Each warhorse in Tuesday's concert at the Festival Hall sounded newly inspiring under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, who put on a fine display of oldfashioned, charismatic conducting.

He was joined in Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain by the pianist Alicia de Larrocha. Her crisp playing had great tonal imagination. contrasted well with two of

AS A trailer for a forthcoming

recording. Robert King's con-ducting of his own group, the

King's Consort, in Bach's B

minor Mass should have en-

sured a ready market among

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piece's characteristically earthy colours. She was bright and fiery in the piano's open-ing statements, and played with improvisatory freedom

in the gypsy dances. Frühbeck de Burgos's ac-count of two suites from The Three Cornered Hat had a similar idiomatic rightness. In its sequence of vibrant dances he brought the comedy to vivid life. He persuaded the orchestra to bend the rhythms seductively in the Seguidilla. and roused it to a thumping

Boys come into their own

One unusual feature was

the participation of a Munich boys' choir, the Tolzer

Knabenchor, whose 27 spien-

did voices, superbly trained by

their founder-director, Ger-

hard Schmidt-Gaden, not only

sang all the upper lines of the

choruses but also supplied

four individual singers for the

soprano and alto solos usually

MERCURY

This pair of works by Falla

and she sought out all of the Ravel's Spanish-inspired pieces. Both were originally conceived for the piano: in Pavane pour une infante défunte the conductor coaxed warm string playing, and conjured up the grotesquerie and colourful effects of the Alborada del gracioso. Another link between Falia and Ravel, Diaghilev, made Stravinsky's Firebird suite (1919) version) an apt piece to complete the programme. Con-ducting from memory, Frühbeck de Burgos shaped a

detailed performance full of primitivism and poise. JOHN ALLISON

Very assured they were too.

as much in the accuracy of

their notes and the musical

sensibility of phrasing, as in

the way they had been encour-

aged to seek the purpose of the

words they sang, whether in

the pleading supplication of Qui sedes or the joyous exu-

berance of a Sanctus shared

on a grandly swinging rhythm with the adult male choristers

The adult soloists were An-

thony Rolfe-Johnson and Michael George, the former

eloquently sensitive to vocal

inflection in the tenor Benedic-

tus, and the latter, shadowed

by a pair of subtly supportive

oboes d'amore, firmly scaling the higher vocal demands of

his aria, Et in Spiritum Sonc-

tum. The instrumental play-

ing throughout was of the

of the King's Consort Choir.

Garland of years

FEW quartets can boast of maintaining the same personnel for more than three decades. But the Guarneri celebrated its thirtieth anniversary two seasons ago and all four founder members are still at their desks.

Even after all this time the

quartet is still experimenting: in its QEH recital on Monday night the programme sand-wiched Fauré's String Quartet Op i21 between an early and a middle period Beethoven quartet, Op 18 No 6 in B Flat and Op 59 No 2 in E Minor. It was an intriguing and revealing juxtaposition, for the Faurė -- his last work is in many ways a polar opposite to the Beethoven quartets. Eschewing demonstrative gestures, each of its three movements proceeds in an uninterrupted lyrical flow. Years of ensemble playing have allowed the Guarneri to pare down its rhetoric to a

sion of amorphous structures. No such problems occurred in the Beethoven quartets. Here there was an unerring sense of what was important. In the earlier piece, dynamic contrasts were not overplayed, but offbeat sforzandos were used to push the music along. In the first movement of the "Razumovsky" Quartet. the hazardous pick-ups between instruments were adroidy negotiated, while the E major Adagio would surely

have satisfied the composer's

wish for it to be played "with

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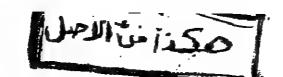
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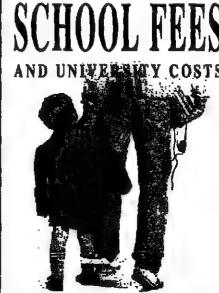
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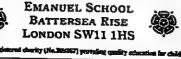
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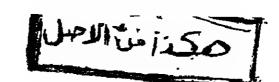
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Who survives under Labour?

As the Headmasters' Conference prepares to meet,

John O'Leary examines the fears of independent schools

ou would never guess it from the agenda for the biggest independent education conference of the year, which starts next Tuesday, that a potentially threatening change of Government may be only a few months away. Academic standards, the sixth-form curriculum and even drugs are down for discussion, but no mention of the

Leaders of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conserence (HMC) say that their line is sufficiently clear not to require further debate at this stage, but the corridors and bars at the conference in Glasgow will be alive with speculation about future Government policy. The suspicion must be that a decision has been taken not to rock the boat.

Despite concerns about assisted places, the independent sector has been getting on with new Labour better than expected. Threats of VAT on school fees were soon stifled, and Opposition spokesmen with an antipathy to private education seem to have taken a vow of

Vivian Anthony, the Secretary of HMC, says: "We have been working hard to establish good relations with both the main Opposition parties, with, I think, some success. There is one issue on which we will have to fight like mad, but in other areas we can go along with what has so far been proposed."

The one issue, inevitably, is the fate of the assisted-places scheme. Most independent school heads accept that there is little chance of saving the scheme if Labour wins power, but the sector will renew its campaign in the months ahead. Some pin their hopes on the threeyear notice period required under the existing contracts to remove assisted places. But Mr Anthony and others recognise that primary legislation could override this.

There seems no room for compromise. Labour has shifted its ground on all manner of education commitment to abolish assisted places been unswerving: the no-

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tional saving has already been allocated elsewhere. Indeed, the £100 million cost of the scheme, earmarked for transfer to state primary schools, still represents the only firm guarantee of new money for education in the early years of a

Labour administration. Peter Kilfoyle, the Shadow Education Minister, left the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) in no doubt that the debate on assisted places was over. But he reminded his audience that another key issue for the sector, that of charitable status, was still

Many of the prep school heads were pleasantly surprised, nevertheless, by Mr Kilfoyle's speech, in



Kilfoyle: reassuring

which he predicted that the distinctions between state and independent education would become increasingly blurred. He stuck to the new Labour line that independent schools had an important role to play in a partnership with the state

Particularly in specialist areas such as music, sport and special needs, Labour sees the private sector filling the gaps in state provision. The official policy also clears the way for wider-ranging partnerships with local authorities. although it is hard to imagine many Labour councils taking advantage of the offer.

Charitable status, however, remains the great concern lurking in ine oackground, its removal cost schools more than £40 million and could lead to an 8 per cent rise spread the net more widely."

in fees just as many were absorbing the loss of assisted places. For the sector as a whole, it would almost certainly mean a protracted and expensive legal battle through the European courts.

More likely than a blanket removal is a requirement for schools to justify their charitable status individually. Mr Kilfoyle told the IAPS: "If, for example. there is a wealthy school designated a charitable institution because hundreds of years ago it was set up with a charitable purpose but it no ionger operates as such, it seems to me that there is not a sustainable position for it when there are so many deserving causes."

Some of the ancient foundations, such as Winchester and Eton, would be obvious targets for such a review. But, with about a quarter of pupils attending on subsidised places, they would be confident of a clean bill of health.

Labour's interest is more in persuading independent schools to share their facilities with local state schools and community groups. Such arrangements have become common in recent years, although most heads would admit that there is scope for much more.

One good example of the sort of collaboration that will appeal to Labour takes place tomorrow at Rose Hill School, a prep school in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Pupils from 40 neighbouring schools, both state and independent, have been invited to an junior version of the televised Faraday lectures.

Professor Peter Day, the Director of the Royal Institution, will give the first in a series of science lectures aimed at pupils between the ages of 12 and 14. His opening offering will recreate some of the experiments of Michael Faraday and Sir Humphry Davy, who have strong connections with the area. Julian Parker, Rose Hill's head-

master, says: "We will do anything we can to bring state and independent schools closer together. We already have a close relationship with some of the grammar school: in the area, and we hope this will



In the eye of the critical lens

as it an act of courage or one of folly? The refer-The ence is not to Napoleon's decision to march on Moscow but to the policy of an independent school allowing television cameras to cross its threshold.

True Stories: Gordonstoun, the two-hour full-length documentary on Channel 4 in July, did at least provide a little holiday digression, fuelling the fires of Common Room and dinner party debate more even than the cricket results, early jitterings about the league tables and the cost of the school tracksuit. It was open season and battle was enthusiastically joined.

What was it like at the time? We are a year on from the television focus and in the middle of an HMI inspection. The atmosphere is less strained and important aspects of education are scrutinised openly and sympathetically — a marked change from the intrusive camera being thrust in the direction of unsuspecting mortals whatever

We never allowed the hunted feeling to get the better of us, and even if we reached the state of scanning our most private rooms bered that the world into which our young are moving is thickly

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Mark Pyper, Gordonstoun's headmaster, on the fly-on-the-wall film of his school

populated with paparazzi and per-haps preparation for this is a life skill with which we should equip them. They - the young rather than the paparazzi -- came across in a most reassuring way, with a strong, relaxed confidence.

Some of our pupils were able to transfer their acting talents from the life and flesh situation of the stage to the small screen with comfortable definess. Many who had recently been involved in a school production of Macbeth showed themselves and their wares with rare apiomb.

The camera team filmed one cannot be quite sure why - hundreds of hours of many pupils following a challenging and inclusive curriculum. The director was apparently enthusias-tic about the balance of a strong academic programme and Gor-donstown's philosophy of overall personal development. Meanwhile, a few of the young were A CLEM III N search for items of tabloid interest. Initiative and resourcefulness are

important qualities to develop at school and, with the cameras in their midst, some energetic students were able to take these skills forward to first-class degree standard without difficulty. The tele-vision folk could also be useful in terms of providing information. Was it all successful and

worthwhile?

The answer is that there must be a specific objective for opening doors to television cameras and a risk assessment carried out in advance. Gordonstoun was keen to divest itself of an image and a reputation - ill-founded and inaccurate — that its environment was both "spartan" and socially exclusive. We calculated that, even if the film-makers did their best - or worst — to sensationalise in a very selective way, myths would be dispelled and some of the school's strengths would shine through.

Three months later, success becomes more measurable. A big step in removing folklore has undue dwelling on some superficial juvenile behaviour has not

influenced mature and perceptive viewers. As one headmaster colleague said to me, "If that's all they could find in your school after 15

weeks, your pupils must be saints". While the film did not, as expected, do our promotional work for us, investigate our philosophy or analyse our practices, it did not on the other hand attack the core of our ethos, and the lasting impression seems to be one of normal, spirited youngsters receiving a very sound education with a range of unusual and exciting experiences.

🝗 ecruitment was not a primary objective in letting in the cameras. We have a full school, but interest in Gordonstoun has been stirred; we have put ourselves on a different plane for the next stage of our development. Inquiries about the school from prospective parents have increased. Honesty and boldness with a reasonable measure of confidence invariably win through in the end.

So back to the inspectorate. We are awash with performance indicators and up to the gunnels with quality assurance but quietly susto discuss will be "the film". The search for truth continues

Iola Smith describes a venture to introduce teenagers to opera

AUDIENCES at the Welsh National Opera's new production of Carmen may be surprised to find teenage singers serenading them in the loyer. They are part of an educational venture to bring

weekly singing and drama classes, workshops and public performances, giving the youngsters an insight into the work of the WNO. The company has embarked on one-off community-based ventures, such as a Valleys version of The Magic Flute. but this will produce a closer. long-term relationship. Rob-

Trilling them softly

of opera production.

Such grounding in staging an opera is invaluable for

plans to launch Youth Opera groups in Swansea, Bristol and Birmingham. These will be followed in the spring by classes in Southampton, Liverpool and Oxford so that every city on the WNO's touring ltinerary will have its own Youth Opera. Each group will be led by its own

opera to the young. Youth Opera will involve in Tebbutt, Youth Opera's director: "The company will stage a new version of Carmen in the spring." The Youth Opera experience will not be limited to

performance. Each student will be twinned with a likeminded WNO member so that youngsters fully experience the professional world

A-level students of music or drama. The WNO, however, is adamant that Youth Opera is not a talent-spotting stage school. Mr Tebbutt says: "There is no audition because we are looking for interested individuals."

After this term's first venture in Cardiff, the company

music and drama director. A major new work will have been composed by 1998

when the WNO intends to bring all the Youth Opera groups together to stage a new opera nationwide. Readers interested in joining Youth Opera should contact its hotline: 01222 492266.

Glenys Kinnock on how we can help our youngsters in the new Europe

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Is the British education system equipping our citizens to make progress on an equal footing with others? Sadly, the

answer is that it is not. The evidence of Britain's failings has trickled out slowly. Until today, and the publication of my report. Could do Better, this evidence - from the OECD, the EU, and other bodies - has never been brought together in a single publication. But that evidence must be seen as a whole. Now

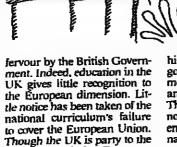
future, and that future lies in being part of the EU.

Yet only a tiny proportion of our students, 0.7 per cent, study abroad — the lowest proportion in the Union. Programmes established by the EU to promote language learning and student mobility have not been regarded with

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clear we are letting down this training provision is com-nation and jeopardising its pared with that of our European partners, the UK is too often the poor relation. The quality of our education is now rated 35th in the world by the World Economic Forum. Britain has fewer people aged 16 and 17 in full-time education than any other OECD country

except Turkey. Class sizes are relatively BIRDPENN



Resolution of the European Dimension in Education, the national curriculum gives only a passing reference to the EU. under geography. Support is available for developing education and training from Europe's social fund, but the latest information shows the Government has underspent its allocation by more than £150 million - a waste. When our education and

high and worsening. Many governments of fellow EU member states are recognising and working on this problem. The British Government is ignoring advice, ignoring parents' wishes and scrapping national standards on minimum space for each child, thereby increasing the threat

of overcrowding. Recognised academic studies consistently show that 13year-olds in the UK are behind many of their European counterparts by up to two years. It is no surprise, then, that at 18-plus, many of our young people are still behind. In 1994, level 3 qualifications were achieved by 41.5 per cent

compared with an equivalent 55 per cent in France and 70

per cent in Germany.

The gaps are not filled later through continued education and training. An international survey in 1993 4 showed only 12 per cent of 25 to 34 year-olds in the UK participating in job-related and continued training, against 43 per cent in France and 33 per cent in Germany. It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that most of our youngsters are not getting education provision at the standards common among our European partners. Clearly, the social problems

that we must address in the UK are not unique to this country. It makes sense, therefore, to participate alongside our partners in the search for solutions and to use the resources they employ if we are not to fall further behind and our children be sidelined in the Europe of the future.

The students and workers of Europe plainly do not possess some magical quality that our people cannot hope to find. It is the standards of provision. the breadth and, above all, the accessibility of their educational systems which allows many of them to surge ahead of our young people in skill, achievements and opportunities.

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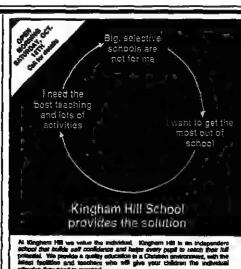
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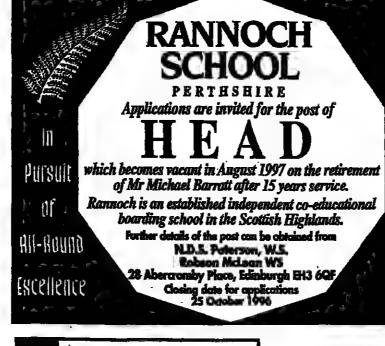
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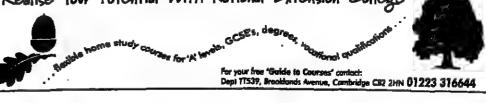




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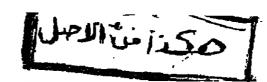
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Hayes and O'Connor get chance to shine

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THERE is much to be said for going for the men in form rather than those with previous experience and Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, did exactly that yesterday when he included Joey Hayes and Terry O'Connor in the team to face Papua New Guinea at Lae on Saturday. Neither has played at interna-tional level before, but both came on strong towards the end of the Super League season and have impressed Larder in training both in England and Papua New

"Joey shot to prominence in the Regal Trophy final in January, when he was per-haps St Helens's most outstanding footballer," Larder said. "He makes loads and loads of ground from dummy half and is also an exciting

"Terry has been the unsung hero of the Wigan pack ever since I have been in charge of the international set-up. The Wigan lads I speak to tell me he has been their most important forward this season. He isn't one of the guys who stands out, but he is always there giving 100 per cent."

Hayes plays on the right wing in place of Jason Robinson, who is contracted to the Australian Rugby League, while O'Connor teams up in the front row with Paul Broadbent, the Sheffield captain, also making his Great Britain debut.

Five more players will be making their first appearances for Great Britain three Weishmen, lestyn Harris, Keiron Cunningham and Rowland Phillips, who is on the bench alongside Paul Sculthorpe, of Warrington, and Tony Smith, the Castleford half back. Phillips and Smith earned their selections with outstanding performances in Wednesday's game against a Papua New Guinea

President's XIII. Daryi Poweli is also rewarded for his inspirational leadership in Britain's 34-8 win against the President's XIII. At 31, he is the oldest man in a 17-strong squa whose average age is just 24. Writisse average age is juliat 24.

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GOLF: IRISHMAN REFUSES TO DIVULGE SECRET OF ROOKIE SUCCESS AFTER COURSE-RECORD 65

Harrington happy on quiet route to riches

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

PADRAIG HARRINGTON started his career as a profes-sional with a round of 77 in the Smurfit European Open at the K Club, near Dublin, last September. Five over par, it was not a particularly auspicious beginning for the Irishman, who a couple of weeks earlier had started in the victory by Britain and Ireland over the United States in the Walker Cup. Harrington duly

missed the halfway cut. Let us move on a year and examine the engaging young Dubliner today. Harrington, who retains the physical characteristics of black, curly hair, a cheery smile and jaunty gait and still walks with his head down as if he is searching the ground for a dropped coin - appears to have been transformed.

In the 1996 European Open yesterday, held over the same, demanding course, Harrington made light of the occasion-

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al showers and a strong, gusting wind. His 65 set a course record, and he has left some famous names in his wake, including Colin Mont-gomerie, who had a 73, and Tom Lehman and Ian Woosnam, who had 74s.

Montgomerie's golf was as unreliable as the weather. On the 5th tee, where bananas for the players were piled as high as in a fruiterer's shop. Montgomerie skilfully drew his drive around the bend in the fairway, only to bogey the next two holes. Woosnam tried to hit a punched shot through the wind to the 2nd green, but missed the target by 20 yards and held his head in embarrassment. Lehman said: "I drove poorly, hit my irons poorly, putted poorly and chipped well. My body felt

Harrington's form in his first year as a professional has been a revelation. This is not ust the view of outsiders. Laughing and shaking his head, he said: "I'd never have thought I would have done as well this year as I have done. My goal was to win £50,000 and keep my card. I certainly didn't think I was going to make £230,000 and win a

it is rare for a professional in his debut year to be able to withstand the twin challenges of his rivals and his own inexperience to win a tournament, even though Raymond Russell did it in April. Har-



Harrington lines up a putt on his way to the first-round lead in the Smurfit European Open yesterday

rington won the Spanish Open in May with rounds of 67 and 71 on the last day for a four-stroke victory. He has also had seven top-ten finish-

It has not all been a bed of roses, however, for five days after winning in Madrid, Harrington ran up a 13 in the second round of a tournament at The Oxfordshire, hitting four balls into the water.

Harrington is a teetotaller. "I may look as though I drink, Sherry has won only £11,500 but I don't," he said, and so the since turning professional

two cases of whiskey he received for his eagle three at the 18th will probably head to-wards John O'Reilly, his

Though Harrington has certainly cut the mustard as a professional, as an amateur he was overshadowed by Ste-phen Gallacher and Gordon Sherry. But whereas Gallacher is suffering from a back injury and has not played since the end of June, and Sherry has won only £11,500

after the Masters and will almost certainly have to qualify to play on the Tour next. year. Harrington has gone from strength to strength.

He is eleventh on the order of merit and vying with Rus-sell, who is ninth, for the coveted rookie-of-the-year award. This is judged by an independent panel, and though it is based largely on the finishing positions in the order of merit, it is not always awarded to the best-placed

Why has Harrington Im-

proved so fast? The secret of reducing his score by 12 strokes in as many months is one that many people would like to know. Would that it was as simple as that. Except for revealing that he has become 30 yards longer because he is timing his strokes better, Harrington is not giving anything away. He is wise not to do so. In golf more than most games, one day's secret is written down on the next day's scrap paper.

BOXING

King could add Lewis challenge to Tyson card

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE World Boxing Council heavyweight bout between Lennox Lewis and Oliver McCall will be staged by Don King. The American promoter won the right to put on the contest after bidding \$9.152,000 Jabout £6 million for it. When the bids were opened at the WBC headquar ters in Mexico City last night, Lewis's promotion company. Panix, found itself the under

bidder with \$6,150.000. This means that, while Lew-is will receive \$4.5 million, he will probably lose home advantage. The bout could be held on November 9 in Las Vegas on the same bill on which Mike Tyson defends his World Boxing Association heavyweight belt against Evander Holyfield.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's chief negotiator, was surprised by the high bid by King but was delighed with Lewis's share of the purse. "I did not expect King to go so high," Eliades said. "He has excelled himself. It shows how desperate he is to get the title back."

If the bout is added to the November 9 bill in Las Vegas. it will make it the fourth world heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas that night in addition to Tyson's defence. Henry Akinwande, the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion from London, is due to face Alexander Zolkin, from Russia. while Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federa-tion champion, will defend against Frans Botha, of South

Meanwhile, that same night in Manchester, Nigel Benn makes what he promises will be his last attempt to win a fourth world title when he meets Steve Collins, the WBO super-middleweight champion from Ireland, at the Nynex Centre, Manchester.

The contest is one of three world championship bouts on the card, with Naseem Hamed defending his WBO featherweight crown against Remiglo Molina, of Argentina, and Ensley Bingham, of Manchester, challengin Ronald Wright, of the United States, for the WBO lightmiddleweight title,

At the other end of the promotional scale, in Stevenage tonight, one of Great Britain's most exciting world title prospects, Peter Culshaw, of Liverpool, defends his Commonwealth flyweight title against James Wanene, of Kenya.

SNOOKER: INTENSIVE PRACTICE SESSION PAYS EARLY DIVIDEND WITH PLACE IN SEMI-FINALS

Diligent Ebdon enjoys revenge on O'Sullivan

Ebdon: feeling better

PETER EBDON avenged a frustrating defeat in the opening event of the season by impressively beating Ronnie O'Sullivan 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the Regal Scottish Masters in Motherwell yesterday. O'Sullivan recovered from a 3-0 deficit to beat Ebdon 5-4 at the same stage of the Asian Classic two weeks ago and went on to capture the title. Unforced errors and Ebdon's greater reliability prevented a repeat. After losing a scrappy first frame,

64, 77, 62, 71 and 92 enabled him to secure a semi-final against John Hig-gins, the second seed, or Mark Williams. The quality of Ebdon's snooker represented a vast improvement on that shown in Thailand. An intensive practice session with Mark Davis, a member of the same management stable from St Leonards on Sea. appears to have borne early fruit.

"Mark came up to my house for a few days and we really bashed it out,"

Bangkok, and it was reflected in my performance."

While Ebdon played to a consistently high standard, his cause was undoubtedly aided by the carelessness which periodically plagues O'Sullivan. This was particularly the case in the second

and fifth frames. Leading 54-0 and with a 2-0 advantage there for the taking, O'Sullivan needlessly surrendered prime position. Ebdon responded with a run of 55, laid

which took 34 minutes to complete. Ebdon said. "All of that work made me a tricky snooker and subsequently Ebdon seized control and breaks of 55, feel so much better here than in cleared the colours to draw level at 1-1.

O'Sullivan was well placed to launch a fightback from 1-3, when he led 48-i in the fifth, but, when a relatively straightforward black off its spot went astray. Ebdon pounced with a clearance of 62 to pink.

"I've lost a match, but I am not going to read anymore into it than that. No one can win every tournament they enter," O'Sullivan said after losing to Ebdon for only the fourth time in their 13 career meetings.

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PALERIMO: Men's bit Truyer (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; M Filippini (Jru) bit M Chaluske (SA) 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; F Medigen (Br) bit M Zabaleta (Ap) 6-2, 6-2; Second robund: A Volnes (Rom) bit D Nargiso (I) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The next few Refreshers will be on opening leads. The opening lead is the most critical card in the play of the hand. Let us assume you have decided which suit to lead (an enormous subject in itself). What card should you lead from various combinations? The easy holdings are those in which you have a sequence of at least three cards headed by an honour. The standard method is to lead the top of such sequences. I have underlined the standard lead from each of the following

AKQ10 KQJ10 QJ10 J1098 10987 Next we come to sequences which are not so strong. Often with

these the lead in suit contracts differ from that in No-Trumo contracts. This brings us to the next conventional agreement: if you lead a small card from a holding headed by an honour you should lead the fourth highest. a) vs. Suit

KQ87 QJ84 41076

These are sequences which have a high honour, then a gap, then a sequence. Lead the top of the sequence. For example: A 1 109 K 109 K 1098 Q 1098 Again, if the interior sequence is less robust, there may be a

Then there are holdings which are known as interior sequences.

difference between the lead in suit and No-Trump contracts. Finally there is the lead from small cards. The convention in this country is to lead the top from a doubleton, and the second highest from other bad holdings:

97 864 8643 86432

The case of three small is an important one. In many countries they lead lowest of three small. In the UK you lead the middle one, following on the next round with the top one. Thus with 864, lead the 6, then follow with the 8. This is referred to as MUD, short for middle-up-down. When you lead second highest from four or more, the normal agreement is to follow with your original fourth highest on the second round. Thus with 8643. you lead the 6, then follow with the 3. Your partner then has to work out whether you started with 63 or 86 x 3.

C Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

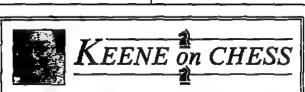
BILLINGSGATE a. A date for settling bills b. Back gate to a churchyard c. Foul language

MANDAEANS a. Frequent bathers b. A writ of Queen's Bench c. Inhabitants of Manila

BOLLANDISTS a. Crossbow archers b. Saintly scribes c. Eaters of offal PILATUS

a. A mountain

b. A tall hat c. Bald Answers on page 42



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russia lead

Russia moved into a commanding lead in the chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia, after a crushing 31-2 win against Bulgaria Eng-land share third place with a 3-1 win against Vietnam and still have

a chance of medals Garry Kasparov produced the following fine example of con-trolled aggression against the world No 3 in the ninth round. White: Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) Black: Garry Kasparov (Russia) Erevan Olympiad, September 1996 Sicilian Defence

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gali6 Ne3 64 Nac4 Rc2 38 Rc2 39 Rc2 40 Rc1 41 Dc3 42 Qc3 43 Bc2 44 Nd2 45 Kh1 Ogs Rt2 De3 52 No2 53 Nc4 54 Oc5 55 Oc5 56 Oc5 57 Oc3 58 bxc4 59 Qt3 62 Og1 63 Kh2

Diagram of final position

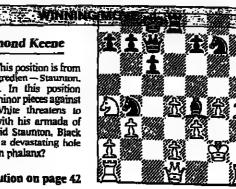
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By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Mongredien — Staumon. Liverpool 1845. In this position Black has two minor pieces against a rook but White threatens to overrun him with his armada of nawns. How did Staunton, Black

to play, punch a devastating hole in White's pawn phalanx?

Solution on page 42



FOOTBALL

Scotland reward McAllister's steady progress

SCOTLAND squads have occasionally been accused of producing sterile play, but no one should ever underestimate the fertile thinking required to assemble them. Craig Brown, the national team's manager, announced his party yesterday for the World Cup qualifiers against Latvia and Estonia and managed to introduce some freshness at a time when, after poor results by clubs in European competition, the country's resources seem particularly

Brian McAllister's career is untouched by glamour, but despite a gradual development that included spells on loan at Plymouth Argyle and Crewe Alexandra, the Wimbledon centre half has proved as tenacious as his club in the fight for status. At 25, the Glaswegian makes his first appearance in an international squad.

There is even a possibility, however remote, of a cap on the mini-tour — the matches take place on October 5 and 9 - since Colin Hendry, the usual incumbent, continues to have difficulties with a persistent knee injury. "He is a good athlete," Brown said, "who is similar in style to Colin

Calderwood." Four years ago, the manager toyed with the idea of selecting McAllister at under-21 level, but the team of 1992 proved good enough to reach the semi-finals of the European championship and access to it was difficult. That side was captained by Paul Lambert, whose career has taken a course even more astonishing than that of

Until this summer he was a well-respected performer with Motherwell who could still expect no more for himself than a modest income and the struggle for a livelihood when his playing days were over. Like a few fortunate others,

though, his circumstances and expectations have been raised dramatically by the Bosman

When Lambert's contract at Fir Park ended he was fascinated by the thought of leaving and playing on the Continent Even so, the mid-

A Goram (Rangers), J Leighton (Hibernian) N Walker (Aberdeen); T Boyd (Cetic), C Burley (Chelsea), C Celderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), B McAllister (Wimbledon), J McNamarara (Cetic), T McKiniay (Cetic), D Whyte (Middlesbrough), J Collins (Monaco), S Germilli (Notthopham Forest), D Jackson (Hibernian), P Lambert (Borussia Dottmund), G McAllister (Coverby Chy), B McCall (Rangers), W McClintey (Blackburn Rovers); A McColst (Rangers), J Spencer (Chelsea), G Durie (Rangers), K Geflacher (Blackburn Rovers), E Jess (Coverbry Chy), W Dodde (Aberdeen).

field player was dumbstruck to discover from his agent that the German team interested in him was not some set of Bundesliga stragglers, but the champions themselves. Borussia Dortmund.

They had admired him ever since playing Motherwell in a Uefa Cup tie and the fact that no transfer fee was required only added to the appeal. The deft Lambert is now said to



Brian McAllister: career has developed slowly

earn some £300,000 a year at Dortmund, a sum 12 times greater than he might have xpected at Fir Park.

All the same, he has justified that surge in valuation. Brown hardly needed to hear the recommendation of Berti Vogts, the German coach. Lambert's place as a first team regular, even for the Champions' League victory over Steaua in Bucharest on Wednesday, has established his

The player has two caps already, both won in obscure matches, but Lambert's standing is now greater than ever. Brown is conscious that his souad contains men who are less firmly entrenched at their clubs. "I have stood by Billy McKinlay, Eoin Jess and Scot Gemmill," said Brown, "but I will be talking to them.

They must get into the first team and they are being threatened by someone like Lambert who is doing well at a high level."

As usual, though, most of the changes Brown is likely to make will be forced upon him. A large party of 24 players reflects the fact that Tosh McKinlay, Stuart McCall, Gordon Durie and Ally McCoist will probably all fail to overcome the injuries which make them doubtful.

With further damage expected to attacking resources aiready depleted by the loss of the injured Duncan Ferguson. Brown has included the uncapped Billy Dodds in the squad. The Aberdeen forward's 14 goals so far this season testify to a new maturity in the 27-year-old.

His efforts and those of the team as a whole may be widely scrutinised. The game in Latvia, on October 5, is now likely to be shown live on television since, with the kickoff put back to 6pm, it no longer clashes with the domestic programme of lower division matches in Scotland.



Keane missing from Ireland squad

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHN ALDRIDGE, the Tranmere Rovers player-manager, has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Macedonia at Lansdowne Road in Dublin

on October 9.

However, two of his distinguished colleagues in Ireland sides of recent years are not in the squad. Roy Keane, the Manchester United midfield player, was to have made his return to international football in the game and was included in the original selection of Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager.

Keane could be out of action for up to three weeks after suffering a dead leg during Manchester United's European Cup Champions' League victory over Rapid Vienna on

Wednesday evening.
Also missing is Paul McGrath, although McCar-

central defender will be considered again when he is playing first-team football. Keane, who has been ordered to rest after his leg became swollen overnight.

only made his comeback from a knee injury in the draw at Aston Villa on Saturday. He has not played for his country since being sent off in the 2-0 defeat by Russia in Dublin last March. Injuries, suspensions and a much-publicised decision not to play in end-ofseason matches in America means that he has missed the last eight internationals.

Aldridge could win his 69th cap against the Macedonians. The 38-year-old forward has scored 19 international goals
— just one short of Frank Stapleton's Irish record. "John has been scoring goals for his club and that is good enough for me, especially with Niali injured." McCarthy said.

don midfield player, was put on stand-by by Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, for the World Cup qualifying tie against Holland in Cardiff tomorrow week.

It was thought that Jones's brief international career had come to an end when he was dropped from recent squads. having gained his fifth cap when he played against Switzerland in April.
"I'm delighted to be involved again," Jones said.

People have written me off at international level but this proves I'm still a part of the manager's plans." Ballot papers were due to go out today to members of the

Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) playing in the three divisions of the Nationwide League. It is the latest move in the PFA's long-running dispute with the Football League, which runs the Nationwide League, and could

RUGBY UNION: PUGH CONFIRMS COMPETITION WITH IMPROVED FORMAT

Efforts to resolve the problem, after lengthy discussions between the PFA and League, appear to have foundered. The PFA is asking for a greater share of the revenue that the League has negotiated through television contracts.

Stewart Houston, the Queens Park Rangers manag-er, has persuaded Kevin Galien, the England Under-21 forward, to agree a three-year extension to his contract. The new deal starts next summer. Gallen is unlikely to play again this season after sustaining cruciate ligament damage to his right knee.

IRELAND SOLIAD: A Kelly (Sneffleto Utd).

S Given (Blackburn); D Irwin (Menchester Univer). P Belab (Uverpool). J Kenna (Blackburn) Forens, C Flemring (Middlenbrough), G Breent (Birminghern City). L Harte (Leeds United). K Cunninghern (Wimbledon). S Staumton (Jaton Villa). A Townsend (Aston Villa). R Kenne (Menchester United). R Houghton (Crystall Pielos). A Med. R Houghton (Lwertool). A Med. (Addition Villa).

Orrell stand firm over right to pick **Botica**

ORRELL have selected Frano Botica, the former New Zealand rugby union three-quarter, in the side to play Wasps tomorrow, even though he was paraded by Lianelli in front of their supporters before the match against Swansea last Saturday.

The Welsh club agreed a £75,000 transfer fee with Castleford, Botica's rugby league side, last week, and are today expected to name him in their line-up to play Pontypridd tomorrow. However, Orrell say Botica is obliged to turn out for them. A spokesman said: "His contract with Orrell runs to the end of June 1998 and we expect him to

Recovery shots

Golf: Four members of Europe's beaten Solheim Cup team put their disappointment behind them in the opening round of the German Open in Hamburg yesterday.
Dale Reid, of Scotland, re-

corded a 68, five under par, with Lisa Hackney and Joanne Moriey, of England, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, returning 69s to leave themselves within striking distance of Maria Hjorth, of Sweden, who leads after a 67.

Indurain out

Cycling: Miguel Indurain, the five-times Tour de France winner, yesterday withdrew from the world road race championships in Lugano, Switzerland, next month. Indurain, 32, pulled out of the Tour of Spain last Friday suffering from bronchitis.

Bears roam

Rugby league: Oldham Bears look certain to play all their Super League games and cupties at Boundary Park next season. The club is set to quit Watersheddings, its home for more than a century, and move in with its neighbours, Oldham Athletic Football Club, pending the completion of a proposed new studium.

Few soft options in a hard game

A lthough there is a dan-ger of incurring the wrath of the purists and the guardians of rugby football's integrity, a sympahetic case can be made for the olayer who retaliates.

There was an example in the natch between Wales and France in Cardiff on Wedneslay evening. When provoca-ion is taken too far, the perpetrator going unnoticed and unpunished, the innocent party may cry enough is mough. Human nature being vhat it is, he can be forced to ake the law into his own

Richard Dourthe was the alprit. In the seventh minute. is leuan Evans was ground-ng the ball for Wales's second ry, the France centre took a wipe at the wing. In the econd half, he stepped on eigh Davies's face. None of he officials saw either of these ctions. Later, the referee's ttention was drawn to a third neident, which involved Daies, and for which Dourthe as cautioned. Later still, Davies took retaliatory action was spoken to in

It will be recalled that it was Sourthe who attempted to amage Ben Clarke's face last eason at Parc des Princes nd. as a result of television vidence, was suspended. In ne best of worlds, Davies, 20, ne Cardiff centre, would have een well-advised to have stained a cool head. It is Gerald Davies reflects on the physical lessons learnt by Wales in Wednesday

night's defeat by France at Cardiff

regularly the case that it is the perpetrator of the second transgression who is sent off and not the original offender but, clearly. Davies's patience had been severely tested here. Presumably, he was concerned about his well-

It might be added that he wanted to make his own point with his opposite number. Davies will have rationalised that, if that was the way the Dax centre wanted to play it, then for the sake of his own renutation he had to prove he was a big enough man not to take that kind of nonsense.

The referee, because he is not in a position to see, cannot always be expected to come to a player's defence. It is a tough old world out there, and the next time that the centres are likely to meet, in the five nations' championship in Parnot care to be thought of as a soft option. Fear and respect are sometimes packed in the same parcel. Games can be that and it is not always the innocent who play

confrontational game, but there are those with the mentality to turn it into a violent

one. A player in these circumstances may be forced to look after himself. He cannot alto-

ish — upon the work of rough-

is in February, Davies would

Rugby is an aggressively

gether be blamed if he does. Self-preservation is a human motivation. That it is so rarely called upon is one of rugby's enduring fascinations. Whatever flight of fancy we attribute to French rugby, it is based - and allowed to flour-

hewn, intimidating forwards. For any opposition to hold out any hope, they must first subdue them. This accounts for England's long run of success against the French. From Moore and Probyn to Ackford, through to Skinner, Winterbottom, Teague and the rest, they had the mettle to do

Wales are in no position to do that. They are too young and unproven. Had they such grit, they would not have allowed a 27-10 lead to be transformed into a 40-33 defeat on Wednesday. As yet, they lack the mental and physical hardness.

They won enough hall to play with, but apart from the first half-hour, when their three tries were scored, they lacked penetration. This was due to two factors. First, they failed to support the man with

the ball in sufficient numbers and second, unlike the French. this support, when it came, was too lateral, with their players not arriving from deep enough positions to enable them to generate momentum.

Leigh Davies is an example of this. He is a strong, powerful and deceptive runner, but is often provided with the ball at jogging pace or, worse, when almost static. He is not travelling at pace. He needs to create space for this to

We were left to wonder, too. why it was that Arwel Thomas, who came on as replacement for leuan Evans, was played on the wing, where he

ight not other permutations have V functioned better, such as Jenkins in the centre, with Gareth Thomas restored to the wing, or Jenkins at full back, with Proctor on the wing? These players are accustomed to the positions. In both instances, Arwel Thomas who, despite his brave efforts. looked fragile on the wing -would have been better suited to play in his usual position at

stand-off half. The game did confirm that Gareth Thomas, who was outstanding and is enjoying a fine club season, should be retained in the centre for the match against Italy on October 5. The squad will be announced today.

Peace may follow compromise

away in Scotland appeared to recede last night after a meet-Union (SRU) and the leading clubs that could provide the basis for a lasting peace formula (Mark Souster writes). After months of wrangling, Scottish First Division Rugby (SFDR), the clubs' representative body, and the SRU agreed on proposals for next season's fixture list that involve compromise by both

While SFDR's final draft addresses the concerns of club and union, the international squad is reluctant, for the moment, to endorse the settlement, as they believe the players will still be expected to play too many games. They have the support of Jim Telfer, the union's director of rugby, who inists the top players should not play more than 30 matches a season.

The framework agreed allows for two ten-team divi-sions, with automatic promotion and relegation, as well as a play-off. The domestic season would be split into two with clubs playing nine games initially, before the top and bottom five separate to play a further four matches.

Broadcasting doubts will not halt Heineken Cup

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN rugby's primary Heineken Cup, not only remains on course but will do so in enhanced form, it was claimed yesterday. Despite the withdrawal of ITV as host broadcaster on Tuesday, European Rugby Cup (ERC) officials believe coverage will be organised, the tournament sponsors will remain loyal and an additional knockout

round will be included. This latter innovation came as something of a surprise to many close to the tournament when Vernon Pugh. chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union and a leading proponent of European rugby, revealed it in Cardiff. One of the complaints of ITV, before Tuesday's decision, was the absence of a quarter-final round yet, ac-cording to Pugh, that has been pending for a month.

The quarter-finals are now scheduled for November 16 originally the date set for the semi-finals, which will now be played on January 4, the Saturday reserved for the final. This may now not take place until after the five nations' championship. The most likely prospect for

television coverage appears to lie with regional companies in Wales, Ireland and Scotland. who could pick up the tournament for a comparative song such is the need of ERC to find a broadcaster before the tournament begins on October 12. "ITV are prepared to broadcast it but not to put funding in place," Pugh explained.
"They will televise matches

and provide a signal for French TV. The end result is not going to be as dramatic as at first sight, but we have had interest from all broadcasters, once they knew ITV were not continuing with the contract." Pugh referred to a "process

of destabilisation", which had affected rugby in Britain over the past year - a reference to the independent stance adopted by the leading English clubs. Until that settles down. and I hope we may be near that situation, we won't be in the position of having competitions sufficiently secure that people will invest money in them." he added.

The reality of the situation is surely that, whatever assurances may exist for a distribution of money to the participating unions (if at a

lower level than originally company has already committed substantial funds to preparing for Europe, as have the clubs themselves who, if they do not go ahead with scheduled fixtures, face a four-week void. However, Pugh admitted that, next season, it might be difficult to sustain the second-tier tournament, the European Conference.

French enthusiasm for the Heineken Cup is high. "It is necessary so that European rugby can make progress," Jean-Claude Skrela, the France national coach, said. 'It will offer a level of intensity between club and international rugby which allows our players to make the transition more easily."
Ian McGeechan, coach to

the British Isles, who yester-day revealed Adidas as their official kit supplier for next summer's tour to South Africa, described the Heineken Cup as the "key to player development. It offers slightly different rugby, the chance to play against opponents from different countries before meeting them in internationals," he said.



THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER ...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-all 7.30 unless stated Nationwide League

Swindon v Wolverhampton (7 45) ICIS LEAGUE: Prioritier division: Oxford City v Hitchin (7 45) FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Primmer division: Bothemans v Denty (7 45), Sharrerock v Home Farm (7 45)

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE SHIELD COMPETITION: Northern section: Longland v Drogheca (7 45) SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Furi Film Trophy: Banbury v North Dorset (at Banbury Utd); Grantham v South Peak (at Grantham FC, 70), Newham v Havering (at McMillan Stadium, 530)

OTHER SPORT GOLF: Smurfil European Open (in Regal Masters (at

SNOOKER: Motherwell) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bafe Vue v Wolverhampton (7 30), Orderd v Poole (7 30) Peterboraugh v Ipswich Conference League, Challenge: Arena Essex v Eastbourne (8 0) TENNIS, LTA Satelite tournament (at Telford)

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

BY WALTER GAMMIE

STALYBRIDGE Celtic. the bottom-placed club in the Vauxhall Conference, have appointed Brian Kettle as their new manager in succession to Peter Wragg, who resigned a

fortnight ago. Kettle, who left Northwich Victoria in the summer after taking them to the FA Umbro Trophy final, which they lost to Macclesfield Town, had previously guided Southport into the Conference.

Martyn Torr, the Stalybridge secretary, said: "His football record is excellent. I can't say second to none because he hasn't won anything at this level yet, but Brian is a winner and we've got to start winning games." For Stalybridge, the shaky

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start to the season offered a worrying contrast to the enormous strides they have taken in developing Bower Fold to Football League standards.

Kettle takes over at Stalybridge

Two new stands have helped to bring the capacity, and the number of scats, to required minimum levels. The League came and looked at us last week and gave us a B grading," Torr said, "At least we know what we've got to do. The main task is to install the new type of crush barriers. All the other things are minor. When we held the inter-

views, the chairman [Peter

Barnes] told the applicants

that he expected the club to

have an A grade by the end of

Stalybridge have risen -

the season.

"like a champagne cork." Torr said — from the North West Counties League to the Conference in ten years. They are now in their fifth season in the non-League world's top flight but have not won for eight matches. Kettle's first task is to steer

Stalybridge through an FA Cup second qualifying round tic against Ossett Albion, of the Northern Counties East League, tomorrow, The 14 Conference clubs that came through away ties a fortnight ago are all at home this time. The biggest crowd can be expected at Dover Athletic, where the support of Aldershot Town, the Icis League first division club, will be out



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Recovering

RACING

Prendergast plans Oscar Schindler's Arc attempt

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

OSCAR SCHINDLER will attempt to land a famous double in the Forte-Meridien Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Foster's Melbourne Cup. The unprecedented venture by the impressive Irish St Leger winner was confirmed yesterday by his trainer, Kevin Prendergust, after talking with Oliver Lehane, the colourful owner-breeder of the four-year-old colt.

"We have a saving over here 'snonze and you lose', so we are giving it a crack." the Kildare trainer said. "We have decided to let him take his chance in the Arc provided it does not come up soft and, all being well, the Melbourne Cup will then be the target. There is nearly a month between the Arc and the race in Australia so there is no reason, barring accident, why

he shouldn't go for both." Prendergast, who was born in Melbourne and spent four years as a head lad to the late Frank Dalton in Sydney in the

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ELASHATH. (3.40 Redcar) Next best: Calder King (3.00) Haydock Park)

1950s, reported that Oscar Schindler had come out of the St Leger in terrific shape. "He couldn't be better. He had no race in the St Leger and cruised to the two furlang marker."

The Australian leg of the enterprise will draw inevitable comparisons with Vintage Crop, who won the Irish St Leger before an historic success in the Melbourne Cup. Michael Kinane, who rode the recently retired Dermot Weldtrained stayer in Australia, is on stand-by for Oscar Schindier, whom he partnered to at Chester and the Hardwicke

Stakes at Royal Ascot. However, a bullish Prendergast said Oscar Schindler's classic success was much better than either of those achieved by Vintage Crop. "In his two St Leger victories. Vintage Crop beat group three horses both times. My horse ran in an eight seconds faster time than Vintage Crop's time and beat a group one filly. "His credentials are even

better than those of Vintage

Crop but he may not be as good a traveller, it takes a very good horse to travel well and do everything right on the day. All of that has to be taken into account "

Oscar Schindler has been allocated Sst 13lb for the Melbourne Cup, compared to the 8st 10lb carried to victory by Vintage Crop. That looks a lenient mark for a classic winner, especially as this year's running of Australia's most famous race may have attracted a sub-standard field of domestic entries. At 16-1 with Coral, the Irish raider looks well worth an ante-post investment.

As Goodwood's season closed yesterday with autumnal showers and a chill breeze. Tagula lifted the gloom by winning the day's feature race. the Charlton Hunt Supreme Stakes, but left racegoers wondering what might have been if the Ian Balding-trained colt had not suffered setbacks this

The winner of the July Stakes and group one Prix Morny last year, Tagula was only half a length behind Ashkalani and Spinning World in the French 2,000 Guineas in May, but he had been off the racecourse for 123 days before yesterday's group three event, mainly because of back problems.

After watching Tagula snatch victory from Wizard King inside the final 50 yards. Balding said: 'Thank heavens we have managed to get him back. He's a star and such a lovely horse. He'll probably go for the Prix de la Foret and possibly a seven-furlong race in Hong Kong, but he is unlikely to race next year as there have already been offers for him as a stallion."



Balding: trains Tagula



Darley brings Tagula, noseband, with a decisive challenge to Wizard King, ridden by Duffield, in the group three Charlton Hunt Supreme Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

HAYDOCK PARK

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Our Newmerket Correspondent 2.00 DIAMOND DANCE (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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8 5000 VERONICA FRANCO 17 B Peace 3-8-5 ... D R MicCabe 6
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20.7	(2)		STANDOWN 32 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. C. Douters, J. Berry 3-9-12 . P. Roberts (5)	87
703	(12)		BASHFUL BRAVE 42 (D,F) (& Burnell) B Baugh 6-9-17 W Lord	91
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306	(16)	022050	PRIMA SEK 17 (D.F.G.) (Three Ply Racing) M. Ryan 5-4-8 R Hughes	96
307	(2)	13-66	PURPLE MEMORIES 93 (8F,G) (Matheway Placs) M Johnston 3-9-7 M Roberts	90
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209	(20)	054500	BARGASH 85 (B.D.F.S) LI Pugh) P Evens 4-9-5 Q Unbins	90
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211	(11)	050004	ALLWIGHT THEN 8 (C.G.) (P Cosgrave) D Cosgrave 5-9-5 R Cochrane	93
212	(17)		COMEONUP 353 (D.G.S) (M Carver) J Bradley 5-9-5 R Ptrench (7)	58
213	(21)		SUE ME 93 (D.S) (Mrs. J Seaden) W Mar 4-9-4 J Reid	84
214	rim		CRAIGNAIRN 25 (B.D.F) (M Grubb) J Berry 3-9-4	85
215	(1)		GORBAIRE 88 (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 3-9-1	88
218	m	233004	DOUBLE OSCAR 54 (D.F) (V Greaves) D Nicholis 3-9-1 Alex Greaves.	22
217	(4)		ANOTHER MIGHTMARE 8 (D.BF.F.S) (GM Eng) R McKeller 4-9-13 J McAdey (7)	95
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220	(23)		DOMBNELLE 11 (D.F) (Sandmoor Teables Co List) T Easterby 4-8-10 . M Birch	38
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504	(6)	44100	CHEROKEE PLICHT 13 (V,F) (P Leonard) Mas J Remoden 8-11 . K Fallon	R
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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 EUROTUNNEL DEVELOPMENTS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£3,960: 1m 1(149yd) (11 runners)

2.20 wiggins group claiming stakes

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1 4361 EAGER TO PLEASE 8 (0.6) Misc 6 halloway 9-2
2 0035 HEVER GOLF CHARGER 24 T Roughton 9-2
3 SAMTS YER MAN C Williams 9-0
4 0 MAJOR THRS 13 4R Harmon 8-12
5 35:34 SENATE SWINGS 20 (8) W Mar 3-72
6 2015 DOWRY 27 (0.85 7 N Harmon 8-11
0 0 RRST PAGE 20 W Jarvis 6-8
8 06 GBR'S BEACH 76 C Dowre 8-5
9 2318 HOH SURPINES 24 (0.5) M Reil 8-5
10 0360 RUSSIAN SABLE 14 (0.6) M Charmon 8-5
11 0540 SURMINER RISOTTO 18 (0.5) D Brench Davis 7-13
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3.20 EUROTUNNEL DEVELOPMENTS FAST TRACK NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0 £3,468 5f) (8)

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Trainers

S Williams, 6 winners from 16 numers, 375%, W Jarvs, 6 from 19, 31.6%, J Dunitop 16 from 51, 31.4%, G Harwood, 9 from 38, 23.7%, M Prescott, 12 from 51, 23.5%, H Cec.l., 3 from 13, 23.1%, J Pearce, 12 from 56, 21.4%

Jockeys

M Rimmer, 7 winners from 28 rides, 25.0%, G Duffield, 22 from 115, 19 1%: Dane O'Neill, 8 from 42, 19 0%, A Whetan, 6 from 42, 14 3%, S Sanders, 9 from 69, 13 0%, T Quana, 16 from 128, 12 5%, M Henry, 4 from 33, 12 1%.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 2.20 Senate Swings Haydock Park. 2.30 John's Law 3.30 Elife Hope 4.00 Cherokee Flight Reddart 3.10 Reinhardt 4.40

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THUNDERER 2.10 Priens. 2.40 Aeroking. 3.10 Sylvella. 3.40 Essayeffsee. 4.10 GUILLING (nap), 4.40 Plan For Profft.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4,10 ANONYM. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Priena.

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3.10 scarborough maiden selling stakes



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4.40 MICHAELMAS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,854: 71) (9)



Fallon keeps Dazzle ride

KIEREN FALLON is to maintain his partnership with the Michael Stoute-trained 1,000 Guineas favourite, Dazzle, in the Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket next Tuesday. Having been given a retainer by Henry Cecil. Fallon is unlikely to be able to ride Dazzle next season. However. Chris Richardson, manager of Cheveley Park Stud, which owns Dazzle, said: "Kieren has done well and there is no reason to change."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to farm
2:30 (1m) 1, BOLD ORIENTAL (Pal Ecidery,
5:1); 2: Love Has No Pride (Dane O'Nell,
8:1); 3: Northern Sun IT Ourn, 9:1); ALSO
RAN, 7:2 tav Palaemon 15th; 5 Select Star, 6
Goodwood Lass, 10 Merclass Cop Hifty 16
Mutanaderi (6th), 25 Sun O'Trol, 33
Talsman, 10 ran Nk, 34(, 3), 1), 41 N
Cellaghan at Nevembrier. Tote C5:50, 02:20,
21:10, 23:30 DF, 12:200 Trol '50:80 CSF;
23:90, 38 Tricast C321:97

3.00 (71) 1, DON BOSIO (T Quint, 6-1. 3.00 (7t) 1, DON BOSIO (T Quart, 6-1, Newmarket Correspondent's rupe), 2, Carmarthen Bay (G Duffield, 25-1), 3, Quality (Ermar O'Gomen, 16-1) ALSO RAN' 92 tax Nerry Bing (Bin), 11-2 Corolan, 7 Press On Necly, 8 Carlcature (Sh), 14 Card'oro (4th), Rusy Statoyoth, Waypord, 16 See Dazzg, 20 Lucky Revenge, 25 Never Think Twee 14 can, NR Shadow Casting 24.4 24.1 nk, 11, 41 M Stoute at Newmarket Toter 57.00, 52.50, 56.00 DF: 5105 70 Tro. 5547.50, 625 619; 21, Tro. 5547.50, 625 619; 21, Tro. 5547.50, 548 619; 21, 33.00 Cm1, CANDULE SMILE (Li Rest, 7-4).

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3 30 (2m) 1. CANDLE SMILE (J Ried, 7-4
fav) 2. Astenta (Pat Eddery 9-11, 3.
Halaskata (M Roberts, 9-4) ALSO RAN-3
Southern Power (4th), 16 Captains, Guest
15th) 66 Brazzing Joe (6th), 6 ran NR
Mass, 81 3 43, 131, 51, ded, M Stoute at
Newmerter Tote: \$2.30, \$1.20, \$2.370 DF:
\$29.10 CSF £14.89

14-20
4-30 (fm 2) 1. FILMORE WEST (f Count), 5-4 tayl; 2. Renzo (A Clark, 2-1); 3. Apache Len (R) Hughes, 33-1). ALSO RAN, 13-2 Litus (4rt), 10 Cluseing Star, 25 takes/sine Heath (£th), 33 Brother Roy (£th), 50 Soverego Cleat, 65 Thatcham Island 9 ran 3, 4a 11, 10, 61 P Cole at Whatcombo, Tote (1.90 £1.30, 11.20, 23-40 DF £2.50 Tho £23.50 CSF: C3.92.

23.50 CSF: Ci 92.
5.00 (6) 1, BACHELORS PAD (Pat Eddery, 5-6 fav); 2, Moonstheer (M HRIs, 11-2); 3, Select Choice (k Darley, 14-1), ALSO RAN-8 Desert Warmer, 9 Desert Maid (5th), 14 Smokebush, 16 Junie (8th), 20 Chevral Roc. 25 Village Pub, 33 Bon Guest, Debonstr. Jarve's Boy, Right Man, Royal Bom (4th), 50 Buzzby Babe, Rock To The Top, 65 Liftle Progress 17 ran, NR 41 Muselim, 3-9/21-1, nk, sh hd, sh hd, W Jarva al Newmarket Tote Ct 190. Ct 12.0, 25.50, Ct 50, DF C7-40. The S32 D0. CSF 57-42.

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Jackpot: £3,416,80. Placepot: £72,60. Pontefract

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2.45 (6f) 1. BOMLERS BOY (G. Parlon, 14-1); 2. Capitain Cara III. Fallon, 4-1 lav; 3. Ned's Bonanza (F Lynch, 5-1), 4. Troploat Baach (C Lowrher 14-1), ALSO RAN 6. Pagaboy, 10. Princely Sound 11. Just Dissident (5th), 12. Cofsion-C, 14. Chadwell Hall (6th), Paymaher, Sharp Move Whispered Metody, 16. Llos, Shadow Jury, 20. Comic. Fontary Master Joel, 33. Chabbo, Thick As Throyes, 18. Pan 34, 12. 134, John of J. Ourn at Mattern Tose: £20.40, £3.80, £1.60, £1.20, £3.40. DF £63.20. Trip

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Fellon, 5-4 key, 2, I Can't Remember (J F
Egan, 12-1); 3, Rostania (G Caster, 6-1)
ALSO RAN 11-2 Can Can Lady (5th), 17-2
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Vintage whines of Goldstone grumps

game between Brighton and Torquay Unibehind announced he'd been Ground since 1958. Bless him, I thought: I suppose he's so proud of it he has to tell everybody. He probably says "Guess how old I am?" as well. But it wasn't like that. "I've been coming here since 1958," he said, "and this is the worst team we've ever had." I turned in my seat and gave him a big smile and shrug of solidarity. "I know," my smile said, "they're rubbish, aren't they? Not like the good old days. Look, our own Garry Nelson playing for Torquay!"
If I hadn't just finished the packet. I'd have offered him

Nothing so odd in this convivial moment between supporters, of course, except that unlike this veteran of nearly 40 years, I had been coming to the Goldstone since - ooh, three o'clock that afternoon. But nobody knew this, and besides, I was getting the hang of it quickly. Grumbling is the main thing in football support, as I know from my tyro experiences of Euro 96 at Wembley, where I at first assumed I was surrounded by dangerous schizophrenics on a Dangerous Schizophrenics Day Out.

"Rubbish, rubbish, take him off," those scary people then yelled lustily "Eng-erland" as if there were no contradiction. Personally, I am rather accomplished at grumbling - perhaps that's why I was selected for this peculiar job. Though I say it myself, I have a natural talent for sustained bellyaching, yet I also keep in practice. For example, I invest many, many hours perfecting just my whingeing and my whining.

Why the Goldstone, you ask. Why this dead-and-alive hole on a gritty, cold afternoon, with its East Terrace bone-white and deserted, invaded by weeds? Because [live in Brighton, mostly; also because someone wickedly misled me about Des Lynam (he was nowhere to be seen). Thirdly, The Times evidently thought it would be good for me to sit in the cold, in the

WHERE do old hockey play-

ers go once they have hung up

their sticks? The answer, ap-

parently, is West Witney. Two

years ago, Kate Parker retired

from hockey, vowing never to

return. Her international

career had brought her 89 caps with Great Britain and

England, her league career

had taken her to three nat-

ional league titles with Slough

with non-league Reading, she

decided enough was enough.

Then West Witney won



Lynne Truss — wearing the wrong scarf — awaits her afternoon entertainment at the Goldstone Ground. Photograph: Martin Beddali

wrong scarf, and sip scalding tea while two third division teams battled below for last place. They were right about the therapeutic effect of sitting in the cold, incidentally. For hours afterwards I felt so warm and glowy indoors that I actually suspected a fever. Will we get Red Arrows

and stuff?" I asked my chum Robert, a Sheffield Wednesday supporter (but long-time Brighton resident), who had offered to pilot me through these unfamiliar waters. I said this as we pushed through the grim, narrow turnstiles into a dank concrete tunnel; I was trying to take my mind off it, you see, like whistling during a smear test. "We might get schoolgirls with pom-poms," he offered,

HOCKEY

West Witney entice Parker

back to fold in new guise

BY ALLX RAMSAY

promotion to division two of

the national league. Refore

long. Parker's friends at the

club had coaxed her back into

the fold as coach. Together

with Denise Shorney, her

colleague from Slough and

Reading, she is back in hockey and back in harness.

cry from her days at Slough.

but it does have its advan-

tages. They are like sponges,

they take in everything you

say," Parker said. They have

a lot of skilful players but they

Division two may be a far

such heavy misery hangs like sea-mist over Brighton and Hove Albion that even bedraggled pom-poms are nowhere to be seen. Nearly 5,000 people turned out on Saturday, but not to watch the

cher out, Archer out," they chanted the inevitable and also: "Sack the board, sack the board, sack the Police

"Archer out, Ar-

guarded the little VIP box (from which chairman Bill Archer was absent), and there was a minor scuffle at the start of the second half. Brighton and Hove Albion have got rather self-absorbed, of late: with a cheery cackle. But alas. - and football no longer comes

are naive tactically. They seem

to have muddled through

somehow with their own indi-

vidual talents and made it up

With Parker's experience to

guide them. West Witney are

keen to learn and, armed with

Parker's seven-week fitness

programme, the squad

worked hard during the sum-

mer. They began their league season with a 1-0 win over St

Albans, thanks to a goal from

Ann Glover and two penalty

saves from Linda Billington.

and now their new coach is looking for a top-three pos-

ition at the end of the season.

Their next opponents are Old

Being able to get her point

across during training makes

a refreshing change from life

at the bigger clubs, where the

more experienced players like

to voice their opinions, which

sometimes leads to chaos.

That's the beauty of West

Witney." Parker said. "No one

thinks they are better than

anyone else. They are as green

as you like about the national

league, but everyone just gets

For Parker and Shorney, the

one flaw in the set-up concerns

their future as players. In case

of injuries, both have been

persuaded to register as playing members of the club. At 32,

and after two seasons away

from the game, the thought of

getting match-fit terrifies Parker, "Not only that, but I

gave all my sticks away when

Being the friendly souls they

are, though, the ladies of West

Witney will no doubt lend her

I retired." she said.

on with it."

Loughtonians on Sunday.

as they have gone along."

into it. At half-time there was a pitch invasion, too — but it was only one bloke with long hair who loped into the middle of the grass and sat down cross-legged before being escorted off, peacefully, to mysterious applause.

'I was getting the hang of it, grumbling is the main thing in football support'

I don't seem to have mentioned much about the game. But I did watch it. It was a 2-2 draw, with several events of note. Torquay were awarded a penalty for no good reason, and our goalie saved it (!), which was jolly exciting. (Rob-

ert said it was unfair I should witness this - real fans can wait years.) What else? Well, the ref showed umpteen vellow cards, doled out free kicks and so on - and, just for the record, I disagreed with him on virtually every decision. He would

point firmly in the proposed direction of play, and I would gasp No! That man is insane!" and then look round to make sure that everyone else agreed.

What made me uneasy was all this "Sack the board" stuff. By all accounts, it is absoluteright that Mr Archer should resign — but it seems a shame that legitimate popular clamour for political change arises at the wrong moments

ball in approximately the right direction. During a particularly delicate bit of possession — with lots of passing back and forth - suddenly the crowd starts chanting "Archer out" and the strategy crumbles. It's such bad manners. I felt genuinely sorry for the players until Robert pointed out that they might be grateful to the chairman for 'drawing the heat".

during a football match, such

as when the poor Seaguils are concentrating on kicking the

One last thing: I vow I will never remark to another spectator: "If we'd scored just then, we'd be two up by now!" Even on my pathetically brief experience, it seems to me that this sort of self-evident remark is never really treated with the contempt it deserves.

RADIO CHOICE

How to avoid ' Arctic neck

A Cry in the Dark. Radio 4. 11.45pm.

Sadly, everything must come to an end, even Joanna Pinnock's exceptionally interesting series of sound pictures of nocturnal animals. She bids us goodnight on the stretch of Greenland tundra she shares with Bob Burton, who carries a rifle with one bullet "up she shares with Bob Burton, who carries a rifle with one bullet "up the spout". Luckily, the ominous grunts they hear are not from polar bears but from two musk-oven, pointlessly head-butting each other. Burton is a mine of information about Arctic wildlife. Thanks to him, I now know what Arctic neck is. It is the stiffness that afflicts you if you keep looking apprehensively over your shoulder. Something else I learnt: it is not easy to have a confidential chat with someone on the Greenland tundra. Even a whisper can carry great distances.

Gerhard Centenary. Radio 3, 7,30pm.

You may well ask: what are Manuel de Falla's El Amor Brujo and Britten's Prelude and Fugue for 18-Part String Orchestra doing in a programme celebrating the centenary of the Catalonian composer Roberto Gerhard? This is easily explained. Gerhard had two contemporaries, de Palla in his native Spain, and Britten in his adoptive country, Britain. The reason tonight's concert was recorded in Cambridge is that it's the home of the Britten Sinfonia who perform two of Gerhard's concertos, for harpsichord and piano, and the original 1915 version of de Falla's El Amor Brujo, scored for chamber orchestra and soprano.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Essential Selection 19,00 One in the lungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rep Show, with firm Westwood 3.00mm Annie Nichtin-

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Mennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Han Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Debbe Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Med about Musicals 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Every Living Thing 9.00 Listen to the Bend 10.00 A night in Aldeburgh Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Sue McGarry

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6.00am Morning Reports, and 8.45 Wake Up to Money 8.00 The Breadast Programs and 8.55, 7.85 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Britan Hayes, Incl. 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair, Incl. 12.35pm Moneycheck, with Philippa Lamb 2.05 Ruscoe on Pive, Incl. 3.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, with David Michell 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Balley Football. Swindon Town v Wolves Plus a review of the week's European football solion 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Extra, with David Michell 12.05am Alter Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breaklast 7,00 Paul Ross 9.00 Soot Chisholm 12.00 Anna Rae-burn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivelime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Mcz Deele Sportscone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Ian Collinia

Piers Burton-Page, Locke (Psyche, Act 5), Butten (Occasional Overture); Finzi (TIII Earth Outwears); Wagner (Harren Stemmors) the

(Till Earth Outwears); Wegner (Hagen Summons the Vessals); Reger (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Bach, Op 81); Litburn (Symphony No 3)

12.00 Composers of the Week: The Court of James VI

12.30pm Over the Borders. Music from across Europe in the time of James VI

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Steven Issertis, cello; Stephen

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WORLD SERVICE

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6,30 Sonata 7,00 Classic Showcase
8,00 Evening Concert Kurt Weill (Surfe
Transparent, Charact, Seathorson (Sea Thresperny Opera; Beethoven (Ser-nade in D, Op 8), Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor, Op 61) 10.00 Michael Mappin, including at 11.00 Findsy Live 1.00am Sally Pererson

VIRGIN RADIO

Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (PM) / (AM) Rober Banks 10.00 Alun Freeman 12.00 Jeney Leo Grace 2.00mm Howard Peuros

Includes songs by Schuber and Schumenn taken from (Choral Fartasy)

3.00 Morning Collection, with Paul Gambacouth Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with recordings for the BBC in the

1970s 5.00 Music Machine 5.16 in Tune, includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in G. Op 3 No3); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in D. BWV850).

Webern (Passacagia)
7.30 Gerhard Centenary: Britten The last excerpt from

Vancouver audience 9.35 Night Pieces. Peler Sculthorpe (Snow, Moon and Flowers, Stars) Hear and Now, Andrew Sparling infroduces music from the Battic countries performed at this year's Vale

of Glamorgan Festival Includes Urmas Sisak (Symphony in five movements, Uranus) Osvaldo Balakaushas (Like the Touch of a Sea Wave)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
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1.00am Through the Night

6.30 Going Places 7 00 News 7 05 The Archers 7 20 Pick of the Week, with

5.55 Shipping Forecast 6 00 News
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on 31 October 1959 10 00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 The Natural History

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Dimbleby is in the chair in Fariborough Hampshire

8:00 Speaking as an Expert.
Laune Taylor tries his hand at being an audioneer

9:15 Letter from America

9:30 Kateldoscope Feature (r)

9:59 Weather

10:00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10:46 Book at Beddime: The Great Gatsby. Sem Robards reads F Scott Fitzgerald's classic abridged by Fleville Teller (5/10)

11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show staming Sally Grace and Toby Longworth 11 25 Tea Junction, Patrick

Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's

11 45 A Cry in the Dark. See Choice (4/5)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx

Weather 12 30 The Late Book: Amongst Women, Torry Dovie reads John McGahern's story Moran dies (10/10) (r) 12 48

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39 BILLINGSGATE

(c) The site of an old passage through that part of the city wall that protected London on the river side, named from an early property-owner in the area. Also the site of a fish-market for many centuries, where porters were famous for their foul and abusive langusage at least four centuries ago. Hence to talk Billingsgate and You are no better than a Billingsgate fish-fag. MANDAEANS

(a) A Gnostic sect. also called Nasdoreans and Christians of St John, which arose in the 1st or 2nd century, and (Saddam and Cruise missiles permitting) may still be found near Baghdad. Their teachings were akin to those of the Manichaeans. They favoured baptism early and often. BOLLANDISTS

(b) Verbose Jesuit propagandists of the Acta Sanctorum or Lives (b) VerDose Jesuii propagamusis of the Maintain of Lives of the Saints, the original editor being John Bolland, a Dutchman. The first two volumes giving the saints commemorated in January were published in 1643. The French Revolution interrupted their labours, but the society was

(a) A mountain in Switzerland, between the cantons of Lucerne (a) A mountain in Switzeriand, between the camons of Euserial and Unterwalden. So called because during westerly winds it is covered with a white 'cap' of cloud (Latin pileatus, covered with the pileus or felt cap). The similarity of the name gave rise to a fabled connexion with Pontius Pilate. One tradition is that Pilate was banished to Gaul by Tiberius and threw himself into the lake near the summit of this mountain, where he appears annually. Whoever sees his ghost will die before the year is out.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Rxd4! is a powerful blow, as if 2 exd4 Qxf4+ 3 Ke2 Qf3+ 4 Ke1 Nd3 CYCLING

Zulle edges closer to tour success

By PETER BRYAN

ALEX ZULLE has spent years chasing cycling's biggest prizes and, at last, the Swiss is on the verge of winning his first leading tour. With just three stages left, including a time-trial, his speciality, to-morrow and a flat, sprinters' run to the finish in Madrid on Sunday, the Tour of Spain is

Within his grasp. Ironically, Zülle's cause has been helped by a stomach virus that has affected his team, ONCE, for the past three days. His closest challeager, Laurent Jalabert, last year's winner, from France, appeared to succumb to it yesterday, dropping far out of

Almost from the start of the nineteenth stage hetween Getale, south of Madrid, and Avila to the northwest of the capital. Jalabert was noticeably absent from the main action, finally finishing more than 20 minutes behind the stage winner. Laurent Dufaux. of Switzerland. Dufaux started the day Smin 17sec down on Zülle and, once Jalabert's hopes were eclipsed, became the new challenger, mounting his decisive attack on the long.

cobbled climb to the finish. Dufaux's victory, coupled with Jalabert's failure, took him to second position overall, within 4min 22sec of Zülle. He is promising to attack

again loday.

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SAILING

Skippers find quick route to agreement

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE 14 BT Global Challenge skippers met yesterday to resolve one of the biggest potential areas for rule-breaking during their 33.000-mile circumnavigation which begins on Sunday, namely, the question of outside assistance on routing.

The agreement - which will be largely self-policed -comes amid fresh rumours among the crews assembling at Ocean Village in Southampton, that one boat was recently found to have illegal software on its on-board computer. This would have helped the crew in making all-important routing decisions.

The race rules stimulate that skippers are not allowed any software on board not supplied by the race organisers. They must not receive outside assistance beyond that which is provided through the race office each day from the Met Office. However, they are allowed to pick up and monitor any "all stations" broadcasts available from weather

centres. Andrew Roberts, project director of the race, said the skippers were keen that all possible ambiguities were ironed out to ensure that no one could be the subject of a protest for receiving outside assistance,

unintentionally. That's what everybody's determined isn't going to hapnen." Roberts said. "We've got an agreement between the skippers on how to control nutside assistance, though the e-mail environment makes for slightly greater risks which we

Mike Golding, skipper of Group 4 and one of the favourites, continues to be the target of claims from his competitors of alleged unfair practice. There are questions about a crew member on his boat who did two legs of the last race, the British Steel

Challenge. The rules make clear that no one, apart from the skippers, is allowed to sail again if they completed a circumnavigation last time. Golding is therefore well within the rules. "The others are unhappy only because they didn't under stand the rules. Now they do understand the rules and they haven't got a problem." Chay

Blyth, the race director, said. A crew member from a competing yacht, explained why Golding seems to be being got at. "Everyone comes back to Golding because he's got an almost limitless budget. but we're going to stuff him anyway." he said. Another explanation is that Golding. with two westabout circumnavigations behind him. knows his boat better than everyone else and is perceived by the others as having the

ychological edge.

Blyth yesterday gave all the 200 volunteer crew members his final briefing on safety at sea and on the value of persistence and commitment. Blyth said that, compared to last time, the race organisation is now much further ahead. "We're pretty cool, We seem to be on top of everything. There is no doubt the crews are excited. They'd have gone six months ago, given half the chance." he said.

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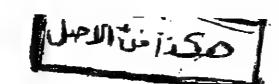
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Laugh? I almost named the absent father

you are too busy to watch television at present, instead spending the evenings drafting your speech for the Conser-vative conference in your capacity as social security secretary. We all look forward to it, crackling as it will be with the usual hilarious one-liners and memorable bons mots. Not for nothing are you known as the Cabinet's answer to Gordon Brown.

However, even one of your speeches, so often confused with the writings of S.J. Perelman, may benefit from outside input. I sug-gest you call in a couple of terrific women from the Child Support Agency, as featured in last night's second part of The System on BBC2. Although the series is essentially about the serious matter of the welfare state (as you will know because you appeared in part one), these two proved to be unwitting providers of the light re-

lief that conference so craves. I offer two examples, Mr Lilley. confident that you will find room for them. One suits a conference speech particularly well, for it is an anecdote whose authenticity cannot possibly be established. Apparently a woman interviewed by the CSA said that she could not identify the father of her child because "at the time she was hanging out of a window at a party being sick".

I suggest you take a sip of water at this point, Mr Lilley (I certainly have) and bask in the startling sight of the party faithful rolling in the aisles with their feet in the air. an inversion, more or less, of the position adopted by the woman in the anecdote. You might, as a linked postscript, add the sugges-tion by another woman at the CSA that the agency should send out condoms with its forms (loud applause from prone faithful).

Agency is a laughing matter. Your speech will undoubtedly include the fact that the agency has collected £300 million this fiscal year, the first time it has met Government targets since its troubled formation in 1993.

ill you also be mention-ing that the agency is at present owed about £900 million, of which, according to the CSA itself, £700 million is "probably uncollectable"? On balance, I think I would incline towards omitting that bit, were I in your Hush Puppies. That could knock a full minute off the standing ovation, as could the unfortunate news that benefit savings credited to the CSA this year are just 5 per cent of all spending on lone parents.

Mind you, the CSA is up against some pretty odd fellows: no wander it needs a sense of humour. One chap said he should not have Not that the Child Support to pay child support because his

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

then wife became pregnant through artificial insemination. Another took a woman on a 21-day holiday abroad. He only enjoyed three days, during which she became pregnant. He isn't paying because he had not wanted her to have a baby.

Last night's programme did contain, by implication, one suggestion that would surely bring conference to

its feet, once it has climbed back on to them from its position in the aisles. At present, the CSA gives women who are reluctant to name their child's father six weeks to do so. After six weeks, yet another letter is sent out giving them two more weeks, on pain of having their benefit reduced. At this point,

the women start ringing the CSA. May I suggest, Mr Lilley, that as the threat in the second letter works, it would make sense to contain it within the first letter, thus saving several hundred thousand stamps, envelopes and sheets of A4. Announce that change, slap on a nice uncheckable saving (£10) million sounds perfect), step back from podium, raise arms, bask in ovation. Yours in anticipation.
Of course social problems come

in many guises and another of them was featured in Inside Out: From the Ashes (Channel 4). This was about Carol Rigby, who in 1978 started a fire at the National

Theatre, where she worked as a nurse. The programme was the story of her rehabilitation, including a spell in Broadmoor and the painful attempts to face memories of abuse during childhood. Carol says that she received

minimal treatment in Broadmoor. where "they looked blank" when she mentioned the abuse. Latterly, the subject has become better understood and a psychiatrist described how starting a fire was often "calling the fire brigade to your life", a redolent piece of imagery and a nice change from psycho-babble

was determined to mention Top Gear (BBC2) today in the hope that Jeremy Clarkson was behaving in his usual insufferable, though strangely endearing, manner. He nearly let me down, but then he made the following announcement after testing one vehicle: "I could call this car

fabulous, but it's much better than

Clarkson is a grand fellow who can drive you mad with crazy exaggerations. He needs bubblecaptions sprouting from his lips with lots of exclamation marks. but effusive behaviour is de rigueur in motoring circles.

Top Gear is good at items which really matter to drivers and Quentin Willson reported last night on customer care, an area in which car companies have long been appallingly lax. A woman with a new car took four months to get a replacement steering rack and a man whose wife's car failed to start nine times in a row spent months extracting a replacement (car, not

apparently right at the top in terms of looking after their customers and they're British, I throw that in as possible standing-ovation material for the transport minister.

988 6.00am Business Breakfast (52089) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (76060) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (8124621) 9.20 Style Challenge (s) (4603535) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1839621) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (52805)

11.00 News and weather (Teletext) (4128553) 11.05 FILM: Where the Lilies Bloom (1974) with Julie Golson, Jan Smithers and Harry Dean Stanton, Drama about four children who are determined to keep their father's death from the authorities. Directed by William A. Graham (3) Includes News and weather at Noon (36430263)

12.45pm Blooming Lovely (50470391) 1.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (86447) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45871331) 1.40 Neighbours (Coetax) (s) (32149350) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6714843) 2.35 Turnebout (s) (1343621) 3.00 Peter Sesbrook's Gardening Week (4485)

3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (/) (Ceetax) (s) (8204263) 3.56 Dear Mr Barker (s) (6784178) 4.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest (Cesfax) (5) (7131992) 4.35 Grange Hill (r) (Cesfax) (a) (4364398) 5.00 Newsround (Cesfax) (7447114) 5.10 Size Peter (Cesfax) (2150973)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (853094) 6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (669) 6.30 Regional news magazines (621) 7.00 Muppets Tonighti Frantic family enter-tainment. John Goodman from Rossanne

makes a guest appearance tonight (Ceelax) (s) (393398) 7.25 Top of the Pops (Ceelax) (s) (528973) 8.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another personality with the Big

Red Book (Ceelax) (s) (5114) 8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth is determined to star in Emmet's forthcoming amateur production of The Boytriend (Ceetax) (s) (4621)

9.00 News; regional news and weather 9.30 Dangerfield: Sours. Paul Dangerfield is drawn into the life of PC Dave Chapman, when he is called to examine the officer after a fight at the station. An offender with a history of mental illness claims that Chapman attacked him without warning. but his version of events differs considerably from Chapman's, Starring Nigel Le Vaillant (Ceefex) (s) (998176)

10.20 FILM: Escape from New York (1981) with Kurt Russell Lee Van Cleel Emest Borgnine and Donald Pleasance. Bleak drama set in the future. Manhattan has become a high-security prison, where a ruthless gang who have kidnapped the American President taka refuge. A disgraced police officer effects a rescue. The long-delayed sequel, Escape from L.A., is now on release. Directed by John Carpenter (Ceelax) (821466)

11.55 FILM: The House of Seven Corpses (1973) with John Ireland, Faith Domergue and John Carradine. A cheap but chilling reputedly haunted house as a location, a decision they soon come to regret. Directed by Paul Harrison (148909) 1.25cm-1.30 Weather (2055374)

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6.45 Electric Circus. Entertainment magazine (510337) 7.00 Mordicus the Buzzard (4008) WALES: The Fred Dibnah Story

7.35 A Week to Remember (b/w) (807176) Sheepdog trials from Com-bernere, Shropshire (Ceefax) (722263)



8.30 English Country Garden (Ceetax) (s) (2263) Shooting Stars. Return of the celebrity quiz show (Ceetex) (s) (3973)

9.30 All Rice for Julian Clary (Ceelax) (a) (82534)

10.00 The Fall Guy. In this last of the series Danny Brown has to persuade clients at a top hairdressing salon that he is a genuine stylist and then goes to referee a garages (Ceetax) (s) (75756) 10.30 Newsmight (Ceefax) (392756)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceelex) (a) (796355) 11.40 Seinfeld (Ceelex) (s) (617824) 12.05am Grace under Fire sefax) (s) (1544225)

12.30 FILM: Love in the Afternoon (1972) with Bernard Verley, Zouzou, Françoise Verley and Danlei Ceccaidi. A happily married man's passions are aroused by an old flame re-entering his life. Directed by Eric Rohmer. In French with English

CHOICE **English Country Garden**

BBC2, 8.30pm The premise of Rosemary Verey's series is all but destroyed before the first programme is over. Calling on her friend and fellow gardening veteran, Christopher Lloyd, at his home in Sussex, she is told that "English country garden" is a prissy and self-satisfied conception and that a garden is a garden. So there. But Verey has been in the business long enough not be dismayed. Each programme features Verey's eartlen in programme leatures Verey's garden in Gloucestershire and visits to two others. Some, such as the Prince of Wales's Highgrove, she helped to design. The thematic link is a journey through the seasons, starting, appropriately, in September. Verey hopes viewers will pick up ideas. But this is hardly a how-to-do-in exercise. Rather, for most of us, it is the chance to admire and perhaps envy gardens far grander than our own modest patches.

BBC2, 9.00pm

Mindless panel games are ripe for parody but there is a danger of becoming the very thing you are trying to send up. Raucously hosted by Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer.

Shooting Stars continues to do its best to lampoon the genre. But so, under the incomparable Les Dawson, did Blankery Blank And so, for more than 20 years on radio, has I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. Admittedly no panel show can boast a scorer played by Matt Lucas. And the resident tea captains are shrewdly cast, if only because Ulrika Jonsson never stops laughing and Mark Lamarr never starts. Tonight they are joined by Cannon and Ball, Samantha Beckinsale and Richard E. Grant. All enter into the irreverent spirit but overall there is more noise than wit.

All Rise For Julian Clary BBC2, 9.30pm

Since he co-wrose the show Julian Clary ist know what he is doing but it seems an odd vehicle for his gentle camp humour. He casts himself as a judge, adjudicating on disputes between members of the public. There's a man called Bob who accuses his neighbours with forcing him to enter the Croydon in Bloom competition. He has won twice and has had enough. An 11-year-old lad accuses his mother of ruining his birthday party by ending it half an hour early. Celebrities are also put in the dock, starting with your favourite and mine, Lionel Blair. Such unexceptional content demands a big show gets one depends entirely on how you take Clary, "Do you remember Rumpole of the Bailey?", he asks, "well, I'm more rump than pole." There is more in similar vein.

Rory Bremner ... Who Elect Channel 4, 10.30pm

The best comedy per or the evening a return of Rory Bremner, who is not only a matchless impressionist but gives his impression a sharp and topical edge. The best comedy bet of the evening is the Because the show is recorded close to is impossible. But with the party conference season in full swing, the political poster wars showing no sign of abating and Labour's loose carnon continuing to fire in all directions, it is reasonable to predict star parts for Major. Blair and anybody else from Westminster that Bremner can get his tongue round. The bonus, as usual, is the The two Johns also pluck their material from the headlines but it is strong enough not to date, as free-standing repeats have amply demonstrated. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9657843) 9,25 Supermerket Sweep (Teletext) (s) 9.55 Regional Natus (Teletext) (3339737) 10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (64737)

10.30 This Morning (42841602) 12-20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7712176) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2819911) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (875000) 2.00 Home and Away (Teleted) (s) (974)7398) 2.25 Ouisine (Teleted) (s) (97496805) 2.50 Yan Cun Cook

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4.15 The Hundranes Animation about a football team called the Hundranes (Teletext) (s) (7125331) 4.40 Fun House (Teleted) (8127114)

5.10 Let's Go (3058244) 5.15 A Country Practice (s) (2177640) 5.40 News and weather (Teletaxt) (280992) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (168056) 6.25 HTV News (Teletend) (233973)

7.00 Control Catchiphrase. Control Con ions and sayings represented by screen animations (Teletaxt) (s) (1534)

7.30 Coronation Street, Tricia steels hersell to visit Carl in prison (Teletext) (973)



8.00 The Bill. Quinnan (Andrew Paul) and Detta (Seeta Indrani) are called to a stag party where a strippagram dancer accuses the guests of trying to gang-rape

8.30 Strange but True? Encounters.
Michael Aspel investigates more stories
of the paranormal (Teletax) (s) (6089) 9.00 Bramwell. Eleanor is delighted when her colleegue, Dr Hunter, takes a closer interest in her, but the burgeoning romance soon takes an unexpected and hightening turn (r) (Teletext) (s) (8398)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (62282) 10.30 HTV West News (Teletext) (391114) 10.40 Late and Live (7407094) HTV WALES: Barry Welsh is Coming 11.10 Mainly Men 11.40 Highlander

12.10am The Making of Escape from LA — Snake is Buck (1551515) **12,40 Funny Business** (s) (6362770)

1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Lete (s) (4762535)

2,15 War and Remembrance (r) (689026) 4.05 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (6351480) 5.00 Best of British Motorsport (r) (39190) 8,30 ITN Morning News (64799)

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South and among the guests is Martin Clunes (92535)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Ceetax) (8076) 8.00 Garden Party, Last in the series from the "Tropic of Nortolk", where Graham Robeson and Alan Gray have created a subtropical garden (Teletext) (a) (8824) 8.30 Brookside. Sammy awaits the verdict

(Teletext) (7331) 9.00 Caroline in the City. Caroline saves Richard from a mugger (Ceefex) (s)

9.30 Friends. Monica's parents find out about her older man; Joey and Chandler begin

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2.15 FILM: Homicidal (1961) with Glenn Corbett and Patricia Breslin A couple are plunged into a nightmare of nonor when homicidal maniac. Directed by William Castle (132770)

3.50-5.30 FILM: Strait-Jacket (1964) with Joan Crawford. A woman comes out of an asylum 20 years after hacking her husband and his lover to death with an exe; more bloody murders tollow. Directed by William Castle (530119)

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12.00 To Have and Heve Not (1944) (30701) 2.00pm The Long Hot Summer (1958) (61027) 4.00 Beby Boom (1957) (4114) 6.00 To Sir, with Love (1967) (41263) 8.00 in the Heat of the Night (1967) (53008) 10.00 The French Con-rection II (1975) (2573) 12.00 Some-thing Wild (1989) (180515) 1.55em Dragnet (1954) (3977062) 2.25-5.30 King's Row (1942) (84570848) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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England recall for Arsenal midfield player completes welcome rehabilitation

Reformed Merson returns to the fold

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALL life, it sometimes appears, flows through the shirts of England's national football Yesterday, Hoddle, still a very young coach, selected his squad for the World Cup qualifying match at Wembley on October 9 against Poland. It includes, for the first time, Dominic Matteo, the Liverpool defender, who, by birth, could have played for Scotland and, by lineage, could have played for Italy, the land of his grandfather. Moreover, Hoddle reclaimed for his England camp Paul Merson, who, this time two years ago, seemed lost to Arsenal, lost to the game and very nearly lost to normal life as he fought addictions to

alcohol, drugs and gambling. Hoddle did not, this time, choose Neil Ruddock, being kept out of Liverpool's eleven

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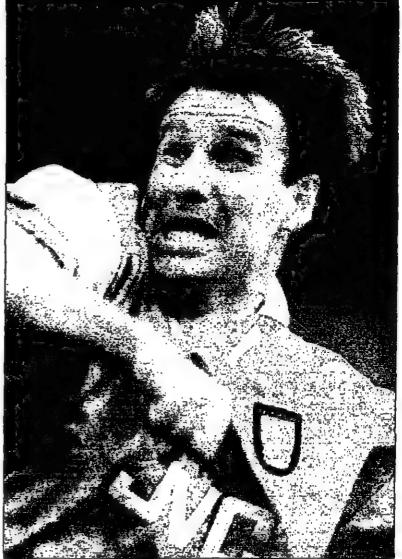
by Matteo. Ruddock spent yesterday in court in Southwhere Matteo was raised, and heard a magistrate tell him he had "blatantly lied" to police investigating the crashing of his Porsche 911. Ruddock, convicted of wilfully obstructing police after the accident involving his luxury sports car and a friend, was fined £300 and ordered to pay £200 prosecution costs — miaire footballer's lifestyle.

Another player temporarily left out of Hoddle's selection is Tony Adams - not, the England coach insisted, because he, too, has admitted an alcoholic dependency, but because his fitness after knee surgery does not yet warrant a

Hoddle insisted that the choices he has made have been taken on "purely footballing grounds". Pure they may be, simple certainly not. On the human scale of things, the return of north







Merson's recovery, after his drinking, drug and alcohol addictions and the tearful confession of his problems, culminated with Wednesday's goal against Borussia Monchengladbach and yesterday's England recall

London's errant son, Paul Charles Merson, now 28 and potentially at the prime of life where experience meets physical fitness, has messages far and wide. "Paul has come back this season leaner than ever, he is performing extremely well," Hoddle insisted. "Picking him has nothing to do with the other situation. whatever people might think."

Really? Hoddle conceded that, across the spectrum of society, there will be people going through a bad time in life" who can draw an example from the way Merson is dealing with his problems. "It's a great example for people, who, perhaps, are not in the public eye," Hoddle said. "All credit to the lad [Merson]. All credit to people who stood by him, people who counselled him ... it takes a

things that Paul did. I'm not a counsellor, but I'm not sure that you ever do get over addictions. You only can deal with them and Paul Merson is doing that."

Merson himself resurrected an old footballing cliche yesterday. "I'm over the moon," England before, but this is much, much bigger. I'm so proud, it hasn't just been me. me, me ... Then, as he has learnt to do, he listed the helpers - the Football Association, which, rather than banish the player and crush the man, became involved not just in his personal counselling but in setting up machinery to detect and help other vulnerable players: his family: even dear old Arsenal, with so many problems at its door, where David Dein, the viceand proclaimed: "Parents do not abandon their children and we are going to stand by Paul Merson.

So much has gone under the Highbury bridge in those two years, but I retain the image of Merson the day he admitted

his problems. His eyes vacant, his body trembling slightly. but his very presence brave in the extreme, he said: "This is the hardest thing I've ever done. But I want to get back into the Arsenal team first of all and then go all the way into

PAUL MERSON FACIFILE

1984: Joins Arsenal as trainee.

1986: Senior Arsenal debut as substitute before joining Brent-ford on loan for two months 1988: Establishes first-teem place. 1989: Establishes Wist-team place.
1989: Scores 14 goals in 36 games
as Arsenal land League title.
1989-90: Plays only 25 matches,
banned from Highbury for two
weeks amid reports of dinnking
and gambling debts.

1990-91: 16 goals in 48 appearances to earn second Championship

George Graham and accused of being out of condition.

S: Goalscorer as Arsenel win Coca-Cola Cup. FA Cup winner. 1994: Wins European Cup-Winners' Cup medal, Dropped by Arsene in October on grounds of poor filness. Confesses cocaine habit and entern addiction unit.

15: Flesumes training with Arsenal on January 16. Makes come-back against AC Milan. 1986: Allowed by Bruce Ricch to mise two-match tour of italy when leared he was suffering relapse. Scores lour goals in England's team again. That's not out of the question, I

Yesterday, Merson, clear of eye and purpose, confessed again, though it was a very light confession. "I said that about England, but in the back of my mind I didn't think now departed from Arsenai to manage Queens Park Rangers] kept me going. He told me to aim for the stars and I might hit the roof. Today, I've

hit the stars." Merson is actually in better shape this season than many regular England players. He relaxed in the summer with his family in the United States. came back physically rested and mentally eager, compared to so many of the players of 16 countries who pushed themselves to the limits during Darren Anderton and Adams to name but two - ran through pain and have been footballing cripples ever since.

Matteo, by comparison, has seen little of the sporting high life. Born in Dumfries, Scotland, 22 years ago, with a grandfather, Angelo, ne from central Italy to open a fish and chip shop in Scotland, he and his family moved to Southport when he was five. He became a noted 1,500 metre runner, but preferred football and spent three seasons in reserve to four central defenders who cost Liverpool almost £12 million to purchase. By the end of last season, he had played only 23 first-team games, some of those on the left side of defence

We must have had 20 or 30 offers to buy him or take him on loan," Roy Evans, the

or midfield.

Liverpool manager, recalled. "We refused them all. We were waiting for his talent to come out for us." As a player with an eye for coming out of defence with the ball, a defender who can pass, a player comfortable in the central position of a mobile three-man what Hoddle is looking for, indeed what Terry Venables

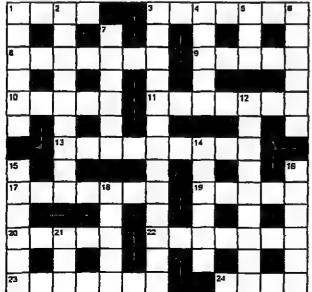
sought before him. Until yesterday, Matteo did not believe that he was on the brink of England selection. He is still only that and the coach reiterated last night: "I've seen Matteo three times, John Gorman, my assistant, has seen him three times and every scout we've sent came back marking him nine out of ten. But I agree with Roy Evans: he's got to prove it over more than eight or nine games. I think he can.'

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Matteo rewards Dalglish's judgment

By PETER BALL

FEW people, if any, have made as large a contribution to Liverpool Football Club as Kenny Dalglish and one of his minor decisions for the club was marked yesterday with the selection of Dominic Matteo in the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match with Poland next

Dalglish not only signed Matteo for Liverpool during his time as the manager at

Anfield, but he was instrumental in taking Matteo to the club, spotting him playing for Birkdale United while watching his own son. Paul. His progress is further evidence of the success of Liverpool's youth policy, which Dalglish was instrumental in establishing and which has seen Matteo joining Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman in the

Although he got into the team earlier than Fowler, during Gracame Souness's time

as manager. Matteo's development has been slower. Nevertheless. Roy Evans, the present Liverpool manager, said yesterday: "I've always bracketed Dominic with McManaman: Fowler and Jamie Redknapp, even though he wasn't in the team for a while when they were. There was a time when I was not sure if he'd make it - when he was 19, he didn't seem as mature as a 19-year-old should be - but now he has matured mentally and physically. Now.

mental attitude all the time." So much so that he is keeping Neil Ruddock and John Scales out of the Liverpool team. His performances been one of the key elements in their successful start to the season, his ability on the ball even leading to comparisons with Alan Hansen, the stylish former Liverpool defender, who said. generously, of Matteo yesterday: "He's a better player than I was at 22."

he goes out with the right

Swindon back new game of chance

ond stood bolt upright, displaying not a flicker nestled on 29 black for the third successive spin. "Oh, James," cooed the blonde at his shoulder, staring at the skyscraper of chips that had been thrust his way. Bond shrugged and turned to leave. Another successful stint at the tables: another fun night out . at the County Ground,

Swindon. Mayfair or Monte Carlo it is most certainly not but, in 15 months, Swindon Town Football Club should become part of the gambling glitterati. It announced yesterday that it is to house a casino — believed to be the first such venture of its kind in Europe, perhaps the world - and is hoping to attract the high-rollers of Wiltshire to its plush on-site

premises. announcement brought some relief for Steve McMahon, the Swindon player-manager, who was recovering from manipulative surgery on his bad back. He will he allocated a generous slice, for team strengthening, of the £130.000-a-year rent that Swindon will receive from the owners. Grosvenor

Russell Kempson on a first division club's novel venture into the world of gambling

"I don't think the tempts tion to gamble will be a problem for our players they're all sensible lads." Me-Mahon said. "Anything club has got to be a good idea. Perhaps it will give us an incentive when the chips are down." McMahon is also receiving treatment for bad

The Rank Organisation, is the largest casino operator in the United Kingdom, with 32 venues, It claims that the latest addition to its stable, a project costing £2 million, will create 100 jobs locally.

"The perception of casinos is misuaderstood," Mike Allison, the Grosvenor chairman said. "People believe what



Allison, left, and Michael Spearman, Swindon Town's chairman, at the club's casino announcement vesterday

they see on TV or in the movies, that it is an expensive.

007-type environment, but it

really isn't like that. It is non-

elitist entertainment, a lowcost mainstream leisure activity. Our average member visits us once a month and spends less than £200." Grosvenor is still playing the percentages, though the dice do appear to be loaded in changes to the 1968 Gaming

Act that will allow it to open in Swindon, on planning permission from Thamesdown Borough Council, Swindon's landlords, and the granting of a gaming licence

The casino, 12,000 square feet wedged into a corner of the County Ground, will not affect the stadium's 15.760 capacity. From 2pm to 4am each day, punters will be able to indulge in roulette, blackjack, stud poker or punto banco. If they need a break, and Swindon are at home, there is a viewing gallery.

Bond gathered his chips and turned to leave, ignoring the plaintive cry from the blonde. He put on his red scarf, stepped out on to the balcony and readied himself. It was 7.45pm. "Come on you

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Apartheid assassin links superspy to murder of Palme

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

EUGENE DE ROCK, the former head of a covert South African police hit squad, yesterday linked an apartheid spy to the assassination of Olaf Palme, the former Swedish Prime Minister, whose murder ten years ago has never been solved.

Colonel de Kock rold Pretoria's Supreme Court that Craig Williamson, a former superspy*, had played a role in the assassination of Palme through Operation Long Reach, a secret military intelligence "front" company dealing in covert operations aimed at eliminating opponents of apartheid abroad.

A recurring item of contention during the trial has been De Kock's secret approach to the Attorney-General's Office in what has been interpreted as an attempt to win an amnesty or a remission in his sentence. It was during ques-tioning on this matter that De Kock referred to Palme's assassination. The State did not ask him to elaborate on his

Mr Williamson was one of the white minority Government's most notorious spies durings the 1980s and an active member of the former ruling National Party. He has admitted to carrying out bombings and other attacks on anti-apartheid activists. De Kock, who once buasted he a hit squad leader during the was apartheid's most effective assassin, told the court last week that Mr Williamson was involved in the 1982 bombing of the African National Congress offices in London. Detectives from Scotland Yard last year travelled to South Africa to investigate Mr William-

son's link to the bombing. De Kock, 48, whose testimony is gripping South Africa and is expected to lead to other trials, made the claim on the third day of cross-examination in mitigation of the life sentence he is facing after his conviction last month on \$9 charges, including six mur-

behind by a lone gunman on a snowy Stockholm street on the night of February 28, 1986, as he walked home from the cinema, and his assassination has never been solved. A Swedish alcoholic was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1989 but released on appeal later the same year. In a flurry of speculation after his death. South Africa's apartheid Government was mentioned. ☐ Stockholm: Detectives trying to unlock the mystery of ilme's murder said last night that a possible link to a South

Williamson: admitted bombings on activists

Protester leaps to death in island row

FROM JUNATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND ROBERT WITMANT IN TOKSO

A HONG KONG activist died in the waters off disputed islands close to China yester-

a hit squad leader during the

He gave no indication what

motive Mr Williamson would

have had for involvement in

Palme's murder, but the

Swedish leader was an outspo-

ken critic of the apartheid

regime and leaders of the then

exiled ANC were among his friends. Before his assassina-tion, he was hosting an ANC

delegation in Stockholm and had been having high-level parliamentary discussions, which would have extended

private and public support to

African spy could be a fresh

lead. "Part of the De Kock

information is new," one in-

vestigator said. (Reuter)

Palme was shot dead from

the ANC.

1980s and early 1990s.

day as tension rose between Tokyo and Peking. David Chan, who could barely swim, jumped off a protest vessel from Hong Kong shouting: "We Chinese can go wherever we want in

Mr Chan. 45, had organised the voyage of the freighter Kien Hwa 2 from Hong Kong to the uninhabited cluster, called Diaoyu by the Chinese and Senkaku by the Japanese, which have been occupied by Japan since an 1895 victory over China, Mr Chan and three others who had taken to a rubber dinghy leapt into the sea when Japanese coastguard vessels blocked their way. Although they wore life-jackets, they had attached themselves to the ship with ropes and Mr Chan was pulled underwater.

aboard to try to revive him. Another demonstrator was flown to hospital in Okinawa. The first death in the row which is pitting Japan against Chinese on the mainland, in Hong Kong and Taiwan, has come as a severe embarrassment to Tokyo as it tries to defuse the crisis.

Japanese sailors



David Chan, left, in the sea as another demonstrator is winched to safety vesterday

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Rwanda killers were the victims'

FROM SAM KILEY

A DEFENCE lawyer in the Rwanda genocide trial turned history on its head yesterday when he claimed that 800,000 Hurus and 200,000 moderate Tutsis had been killed in the 1994 massacres, rather than

the other way round.

The courtroom in Tanzania was stunned into silence when Luc de Timmerman, a Belgian lawyer representing Jean-Marie Akayesu, on trial for the murder of 2,000 Tutsis, insisted that the Hutu perpetrators of the genocide were in fact its

Why does the prosecution apply for his witnesses to be protected? I can prove that it is our witnesses who need the protection. After all, 800,000 Hutus and 200,000 Tutsis were killed during the geno-

cide," he said. Spectators slumped forwards, fiddling with their headsets, wondering if this was merely a mis-translation.

Surely everyone knew that it was the other way around? Did we all get it so wrong? Even those who were there? In the hysteria of the mass slaughter, when we saw tall thin people cut down with machetes, were we actually seeing small, round Hutus being murdered by Tutsis? Both inside and outside the courtroom, Mr de Timmerman was adamant that the media and the United Nations had been conned.

"If there was a genocide, then it was a genocide of Hutus. My first arguments will prove that there was no genocide of the Tutsis," he

Pyongyang

'to retaliate'

over deaths

NORTH KOREA yesterday

threatened to retaliate against

South Korea for the killing of

its citizens who went ashore in

the South after their submarine hit a reef (Robert

The warning that South

Korea would "pay dearly" for its "dangerous acts" last week

was given at an emergency meeting of the North Korean

Government, political parties and other organisations, the

official Korean Central News

North Koreans who landed on

the east coast of South Korea.

11 were found shot dead -

possibly murdered by col-

leagues in a suicide pact -

and nine have been killed by

South Korean security forces.

One was captured and the

hunt for surviving members of

President Kim Young Sam of South Korea has called the intrusion a military provoca-

tion while Pyongyang claimed that the vessel was on a

routine training mission when

it developed engine trouble.

the group continues.

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Whymant writes).

Agency reported.

said.
This was not rhetoric. Mr de Timmerman, a long-time friend of another of the accused, Theonestre Bagasora (chef de cabinet of the then Rwandan Defence Ministry, who aliegedly played a key role in organising the genocide), genuinely believes there was no extermination, not of Tutsis anyway.

Mr de Timmerman knows Rwanda well. For years he has represented the family of Juvenal Habyarimana, the Hutu President killed in a mysterious plane crash in April 1994. Since then he has represented the dead man's wife, Agathe, who has also been accused of being a prime mover behind

the mass slaughter of Tutsis. The UN tribunals in Arusha were set up to try the leaders of the mass slaughter, who will not face capital punishment if convicted, and a life sentence — in a Western jail — may well

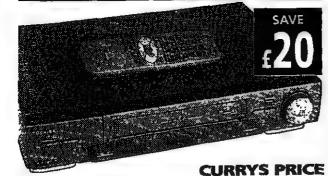
not last a lifetime. This might explain why Mr Akayesu, the former mayor of Taba in central Rwanda, sat impassively in court. As his lawyer admitted: "Where he is being held [in Arusha] is practically a luxury hotel.

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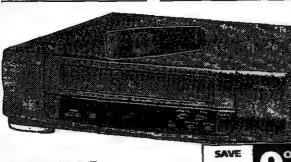
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Fashion parties to kill for

Party-hopping Joseph Connolly mingles with the glittering, the glamorous and the just-plain gorgeous at Italy's newest festival of style

he hurly-burly of the international fashion season was kicked off last weekend with all the glitzy opening thrashes at the very first Florence Biennale, There I was (don't quite know why) with an entree to all the parties and events that were, according to the fashion press, simply to kill for you don't die any more; you kill). Much of the fashion press pack is, of course, from another constellation. "Lovely top," says a slimline despot of some frightened woman's blouse. "Whose is it?" Frightened woman practically has a scizure at what she understands to be a barely veiled accusation of theft, but already the fashion guru is unashamedly groping the nape of now practically hysterical woman before sighing, "RH - as I thought: not

Prada." Prada comes up a lot — they make tight black nylon clothes, largely, and natty little knapsacks; when it rains in women look like blonde and glossy seals. The fashion mob talks of other things too, of course — such as "is John Galliano really going to Dior?" Why shouldn't he? It's no big deal — I've been there myself. On the plane, someone showed me a feature in a glossy devoted to Donna Karan and I said, blimey O'Reilly, she knows how to charge, doesn't she? Whereupon my companion said quietly (and with a stricken expression) that DK was not currently in NY but was, in fact,

squint and maybe a chat, but she seemed to be a large, unsmiling woman, so I let it go. At Florence airport, however, she practically got a round of applause from a posse of Italians: they see clothes differently there, as became increasingly clear.

The first party to kill for was at Versace — a surprisingly discreet invitation for cocktails. Red carpet stretched into the street, bordered by not just velvet rope but also a cohort of

'When it rains the women look like blonde seals'

De Niro look-alikes, all with suspicious armpits. Inside was a curious blend of oldish men in slippery suits and tribes of thin, orange women tight wrapped in not-much chocolate silk ("black is now brown", a fashion hack told me - you may care to know this) and topped off with a sort of Rod Stewart-meets-Worzel Gummidge flagrant rick of yellow hair. But get this - no cocktails. Can you believe it? A few of the more fabulous guests had been lent an empty glass for the evening, but for the rest of us - forget it. A rumour softly flourished to the behind me. I revolved for a something having been sight- exhibition at the Pitti Palace, pagne permitting).

hearsay was third party and therefore ignored. There were open bottles of stuff called Green Jeans and Yellow Jeans, but no one seemed inclined towards an exploratory swig. People went briefly made an entrance between a matched pair of Barbarelias, but he hadn't brought any drink with him so I thought, well sod it then - I'm off.

Liz Earle, from GMTV, had also had enough of being frankly incredulous so a few of us (including the fashion editor of Hello! - my interpreter) sloped off to a rumbustious bistro called Coco Lezzone where there were pictures of the Prince of Wales on the wall, which is fairly odd. The queue was endless and barely moving and then Jarvis Cocker came in (maybe to meet Damien Hirst who was slurping in a corner) and suddenly the queue moved like billy-o as it was elbowed into the region of the scullery so that Jarvis could be quickly seated: I can't tell you how happy I was for

The party, though, was at Ferragamo, in the most superb 13th century palazzo you could ever imagine, recently restored at a cost approximating to all the Nazi gold in Zurich. La tutta Firenze glittered beneath the chandeliers. and the champagne came at you thick and fast. There was the British milliner extraordinary, Philip Treacey, louche in black, dark glasses and, um, a stetson (I suppose because he is a hatter - just as well Janet



Ms Earle was filming an where there is also a very grand Pucci retrospective. I got myself around a litre or so interview with Ungaro in a discreet corner and the entire Ferragamo family (Wanda, the widow of the founder of champagne as I mingled. telling everyone in pidgin Salvatore, her three daughters European that come the dawn and three sons) managed to be I was off to the Pucci at the amusing and glamorous, ca-sual and stylish all at once and Pitti. So there I slumped, chatting and sipping with the were attracting every manner of faint-makingly elegant per-sonage like mosquitoes to my thoroughly gorgeous Louise Germaine (star of Dennis Potter's Lipstick On Your Collar) newly arrived and due to poor, pale and English body. model the Ferragamo collec-Afterwards was the Mayor's tion for a Heliol shoot the dinner in some other grand

were full by the time I fell through the door, so they stuck me in the garden. More champagne arrived, and so did some sort of food or other - it was pitch dark in the garden (gave my shin a hell of a crack) so heaven knows what it was. I turned to pour some bubbly for a stunning Contessa missed the glass, hit the billion-dollar dress, made my excuses and practically passed out. "I'm going to the Pucci at the Pitti," I said by way of

at Versace tographer Bruce Weber has a remarkable exhibition at the Ferragamo Palazzo, and he was in a jolly mood - like an avuncular Hemingway in turned-up dungarees and a

spotty hanky around his head. Does anyone want to go and meet Elton John? At the Uffizi there is an exhibition of his definition-defying stage costurnes, and the buzz at the Mayor's dinner was that he was there right now, so come

said gaily to the pack of fools who had followed me. "Tomorrow I'm going to see the Putti at the Peachey! Anywhere round here we can get a The bells! You can't sleep in .
Florence. — it's the campani-

les. All night - it's as though a herd of Helvetian cattle has strayed into a joyous Christmas morn in some old Dickens movie. And again I was eaten by Moschinos (mosquitoes, mosquitoes - God. all this fashion stuff really does to you). A quick lunch in get to you). A quick lunch in the Piazza Repubblica — look over there: Christian Lacroix, looking like a designered lan Hislop - and then off to the

was very miffed indeed by the

firmly barred door of what

turned out not to be the Uffizi

at all, but even when I did

locate the right museum it

appeared that Elton had never

pausing only to down a quart of champagne. I lurched off across the Ponte Vecchio and airport with all the fashion press, those who were still vertical bemoaning the awful truth that not only was the anxiety of London Fashion Week imminent, but there was barely time left to dread the big one - Milan (ten shows a day for a fortnight - these people must be mad). been there. "Never mind," I

Jean Paul Gaultier was in the VIP lounge - his usual parody of a peroxided and amiable chimp — and while his flight to Paris took off on cancelled. Did I say "VIP lounge"? Ha! I berated the man cleaning the coffee machine: "Why is there no wine, no beer, no Coke, no water, no food -- why?" He looked at me and said as to a simpleton: Because — eez all finished."

No flights to Milan or Landon: so - get back the luggage, change the tickets, get another taxi back to the Hotel Bristol and order a bottle of champagne: this is



Louise Germaine was due to model the Ferragamo collection for a Hello! shoot; while Jarvis Cocker, bottom right, turned up at the Coco Lezzone

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Where are all the rich eligible men?

IN CERTAIN corners of Manhattan they now talk of John F. Kennedy Jnr in the past tense. He has "gone". All Kennedy Jnr did was to get secret on Cumberland Island, Georgia. to his long-standing flame Carolyn Bessette, Bu as far as "they" are concerned, that still means he has "gone" because "they" are the many thousands of New York women, aged 15 to 30, who hoped that they might be the one to win his hand.

The muscular Kennedy was known as "The Hunk" and was voted "sexiest man in America" by no less than *People* magazine. He was also, for many years, the "most eligible man in Ameri-ca", which People might translate as "sexiest/richest/ best-connected guy going".

For the college swooners and the Upper Eastside Manhattan gold-diggers, the awful truth is that there appears to be no one to take his place. The title of "next available

Kennedy male" falls to Pat-rick Joseph Kennedy, son of Senator Edward Kennedy. Young Patrick Joseph has loot and can call on the aphrodisiac of power, up to a point. He is a Congressman. On the looks front, however, he is underpowered, Elsewhere in the US, there

are few contenders to succeed JFK Jnr. Hollywood actors are mostly spoken for (Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise and Jim Carrey, who wed his girlfriend two days after Kennedy uttered the vows). Pop music's Jon Bon Jovi went up the aisle with Wonderbra model Eva Herzigova this month, and in politics, Bill Clinton's aide George Stephanopoulos seems to be married to his job. After Dick Morris, who wants

Wall Street no longer seems to throw up high-profile men of promise. There was more bad news for New York spinsters this month when newspaper publisher Mort Zuckerman announced that he was engaged. This brought to an end a formidable career

Revion cosmetics boss Ron Perelman, a billionaire, they say, will be back on the marriage market once he has settled divorce terms with his last wife. Perelman may have the jowls of a schnauzer but

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he is certainly rich. The only snag is that he seems to have discovered pre-nuptial

internationally, things are not much better. Greece is a dead loss thanks to socialism. there is no Onassis to be had these days, and the country's Crown Prince Pavios was bagged by one of the Miller girls last year. Our own Prince Edward was in New York recently, but nobody took much notice, perhaps because he seems to be happy with that sensible girl Sophie. Prince Felipe of Spain is in thrall to his mother, which

leaves us only with Prince Albert of Mosaco. I think not, The horrid truth is that there is now no most eligible bachelor in the world. Unless. just unless... It is being suggested that the Roman Catholic Church might consider abandoning its celibacy rules for priests. Cardina Hume, come on down.

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· Sir Alec – the actor who got lucky

Sir Alec Guinness may be slightly wearied by the modern world, but offers of work still arrive in the morning post and he has plenty of anecdotes to remind us of a jollier, more charming past

fast, as he might call it, at the Connaught Hotel yesterday morning with Sir Alec Guinness. We have just been reassured of his existence by his reading aloud on the wireless from his diaries, My Name Escapes Me — The Diary of A Retiring Actor: an example of Radio 4 giving its audience just what it craves. Sir Alec is still with us. mellifluous, circumspect. fogeyishly wearied by the modern world but with plenty of anecdotes to remind us of a jollier, more charming past. At 82 what else can a

theatrical knight do? Certainly not act, though offers still arrive, to be Friar Laurence in Romeo, or something minor in Chekhov. All with too many lines to learn. He can no longer rely on the memory. He does the occasional television (as a shell-shocked veteran, or senile old dad in Jack Rosenthal's Eskimo Day) but is not very delighted with the

"I used to be so embarrassed, as a very young actor, by old actors - oh why do they go on doing it, poor old things. forgetting their lines, going the wrong way ... One was always mocking old age, when young; doing funny walks, cracking one's voice. Now it's caught up with one, it's not so

But in 1995 he agreed to keep a diary for 18 months. "I thought, oh God, after those marvellous diaries from Alan Clark and Alan Bennett, people will think I'm trying to get on the bandwagon," he said, tucking into poached eggs and pouring tea as he likes it, "strong but not fierce". "And then some days were so pointless from a diary point of

So for instance, he reads opportunity to recall that he once sat next to Lady Home at dinner. "Conversation was a bit stiff and, in desperation, I asked her how she mostly spent her day when at home in the Border Country. 'Good heavens!' she exclaimed. 'I do what every woman in the British Isles does, I spend the morning making sandwiches and then take them down to

the men in the butts." Because he has a horror of indiscretion he says his genuine private diary will be burnt: "It's just jottings, chiefly to settle arguments with my wife



when did we last go to Greece? etc." Nor can he tell us who is the famous actress and beauty who slid bibelots into her handbag at Sir Harold Acton's villa outside Florence: she too is still with us, and he lacks spite.

Why does John le Carré in his preface call him an "uncomfortable companion"? "Well, I suppose I am a bit uncomfortable. I have a sort of suspicion, very possibly a lack of charm. People may find one not very outgoing. But a lot depends on my mood, I can tell vou." He and his wife Merula live

"a simple, scruffy life" in rural Hampshire in the house they built decades ago surrounded by 400 trees, and dogs including a new lurcher puppy with ears like errant wings. He claims it is not so rare for theatrical couples to stay married for 50 or so years (their son is on wife number three) citing the Cassons, Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray, Googie Withers and John McCallum, John Mills and Mary Hayley Bell, who are

remark that he too seems to depend entirely on Merula: "You live like many men, with all vou." "Domestic wheels oiled? Certainly not. Merula is lost, I think, if I'm not there. She goes shopping and then leaves it all behind. We run out of eggs. She's a marvellous woman, but not a housekeeper

Life rolls on agreeably as ever, for comfortably-off elderly couples — with books and music. "button-punching through the channels" in the evenings, shuffling about in a dressing gown if they like, travel (to Drue Heinz's palazzo on Lake Como with the Profumos; to Rome for his

rainy 80th birthday, so when the Pope motions the crowd to sit, "the sensation was that of sitting in a chilled sodden summer pudding"), and the

occasional shake of the head at

distressing events in Dunblane or the Lebanon or nearer home, a bomb scare on the way to his bank in

New Year's Day "too often feels like ing". In May, "Tired of the low grey skies we are having" and in September, "Oh, to be abroad on this cold, grey, sullen day". Life is punctuated with memo-

rial services, euphemistically called celebrations, with everyone in the congregation eyeing each other and thinking, "Who is to be celebrated next?" His new hearing aids make a running tap sound like Niaglike flamenco stomping. The

post brings letters from biog-raphers of others, wanting to phinder his anecdotage. Many invitations now seem too much effort, such as those involving "Soho, taxis, crowds...". Such are the irri-

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> as if one had challenged it." Only once does he reveal a personal regret. He watches Jeanne Moreau filming, and observes her spontaneity. "If I had been freed from my selfimposed straitjacket three decades ago I might - who knows? - I might have taken off and been a sort of star." What does he mean? "Well, I was such a disciplined actor. and when filming I would do exactly the same thing on each take. And then I saw Jeanne Moreau demonstrating that you don't need to do that, you can alter your performance without disturbing the techni-

cians - and it gave her a freshness and spontaneity."

from platform five',

e is not a star; he is an actor who has been lucky. "A draws in the public. This is not the case with me, I assure you. It's not false modesty. I remember leaving a Bafta cere-mony with my award, very happy and proud, and there was a crowd outside who looked at me and asked, 'Is Dirk Bogarde in there? Dirk

Still, a disciplined actor's training is useful when receiving a knighthood. The instructions, nerve-racking for some. to "Turn right, take three paces in front of the Queen, turn left, bow, kneel..." were simple enough for him. "But I was amazed how some people made a total mess of it - knelt without bowing, tripped up and so on." Alas, he never gets the chance to wear his Companion of Honour decoration. bestowed on him in 1994. "I don't know how it came my way. I've never met John Major: I know nobody in those

I had heard that Sir Alec

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had struck a deal with the Connaught, whereby he could stay there free of charge for He found this hilarious. - absolutely untrue, I promise you. I have my cheque book on me, and I expect to write out some rather

large figures." He gets out his fountain pen, from the Pen Friend in Burlington Arcade "where I always go, after once admiring the fine italic pen of a doctor Eton,' said the doctor, 'I wanted to enter for the handwriting competition, and I saw this pen in the Burlington Arcade, and asked the funny little lady behind the counter how much it was: Sixteen pounds. I gasped and said could I pay you in instalments, £5 a year? And she said, write something for me. So I wrote my name, and she looked at my writing and said, it's yours'." Sir Alec has patronised the shop ever

Life is still full of blessings, to an eye operation) though a new Ayckbourn is "confus-

ing", and Three Tall Women leaves him "clueless" as well as irritated by people scraping wooden spatulas. Currently he recommends Adam Cooper's Swan Lake - "a touch homoerotic, as instead of ladies in tutus on their points, the swans are all played by gents". He is a constant reader: novels by Barry Humphries, Ferdinand Mount, Patrick O'Brian. Teresa Waugh, Muriel Spark:

Norman Lewis, Blessings in Disguise, newly

reprinted, was the unusually good theatrical memoir he wrote ten years ago. An actor, as he said, is "an interpreter of other men's words, often a soul which wishes to reveal itself to the world but dare not . . . " Yet we cling on to our aged theatrical knights: so many have gone, leaving only their anecdotes. Sir Alec ended his memoir by saying he had never lost a friend. Now ("Mea maxima culpa") he confesses this. But who? Discreetly, he

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Open skies in America for all of us

Richard Branson puts the case

against the BA-American link-up

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The next few weeks are crucial for the future of British aviation policy, and for our country's thus far highly successful airline industry. Talks on bilateral air service arrangements between the UK and US Governments are approaching crunch point. What comes out of the crunch is of vital importance, not just to governments and airlines, but to the millions of airline customers who fly the Atlantic

At stake is the continuance of one of the great commercial success stories of the 20th century: the explosion of demand for transatlantic travel. This occurred in response to the British Government's decision in the early 1980s to break with convention and encourage airlines to compete in the interests of the consumer.

The current talks are supposed to be about "open skies", which sounds like a good thing and would be a good thing. But the term is deceptive. To the UK, it means unfettered access to Heathrow for American carriers, plus rights to pick up passengers there and fly them on to European destinations. But the flip side of Washington's apparent commitment to competition is that our airlines are denied any corresponding right to fly domestic passengers between American cities — the right known as cabotage — or even to carry US

Government employee and contractors or US mail across the Atlantic. and that no UK passport holder should own or control a US airline. It makes recent US legislation denying visas to British businessmen who have traded with Cuba look positively

benign. The "liberalisation" of air travel advocated by both Republican and Democratic administrations makes not even a token attempt to open America's massive internal market to competition from carriers like Virgin, or British Airways for that matter. Britain now has the chance to prise that door open and create new and exciting opportunities for

airlines and passengers alike. Administration for trying to create the best climate possible for American airlines, even if it is blatantly protectionist and anti-competitive. However, I set great store by the British Government's repeated pledges to resist this mockery of true "open skies" and represent the interests of British airlines just as forcibly, particularly as they coin-

cide with those of the consumer.

Such a commitment by successive Transport Secretaries echoes this Government's track record of curbing some monopolies and encouraging competition. It has been especially welcome to Virgin Atlantic, which in just over ten years has come from nowhere to become the third largest player on the transatlantic stage, with a 5 per cent share of all seats between the whole of Europe and the US, compared with BA's 14.6 per cent. It has also transformed transatlantic travel even for those passengers who have never flown Virgin. Standards have risen across the board as competition has forced airlines to concentrate on putting the passenger first

 ouite a wrench for some. Virgin's success, achieved in the face of bitter resistance from vested interests and without access to the spectacularly vindicates the British vision of a multi-airline industry following the collapse of Laker. Through the jobs it has created, the

foreign exchange brought in and the exposure won world-wide for a successful British product, it has proved that competition in the air works, not just for the consumer but for UK plc.

What is more, it has boosted Britain's image as a country still capable of blazing a pioneer trail. There are even greater opportuni-ties for Virgin, BA and indeed airlines such as Britannia, British Midland and Air UK. if the British negotiators and the ministers instructing them secure the true liberalisation they have so doggedly fought for.

Cahotage would not just benefit those passengers carried between US airports. By filling seats on those half-full planes from Heathrow or Gatwick, it would turn marginal transatlantic routes into viable ones and encourage the operation of new services from Britain by reducing the time it would take before they broke even.

Virgin is already a well-known brand in the US for everything from cola to record stores. If BMW can build cars in South Carolina and Virgin can sell cola in Pennsylvania, why cannot we fly Americans from New York to Los Angeles? And if these rights are granted, why shouldn't US carriers within the European Union — in both cases creating additional competition and reducing fares?

The pressure in air talks with the US is always acute as the final cards are dealt. Our negotiators face a formidable battery of pres-sures and blandishthe planned ments, but they must alliance for continue to resist them and emerge with an agreement offering gen-

uine opportunities for airlines based on both sides of the Atlantic to compete and offer the passenger an even better deal as we move into a new millennium.

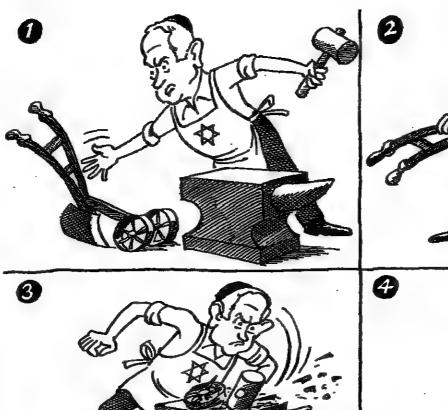
They must not be seduced by the American argument that if their carriers get those slots now, UK airlines may be offered concessions later. And they must continue to spurn the siren voices murmuring that an unsatisfactory "open skies" BA can form an unholy union with American Airlines.

have had plenty to say elsewhere about the anti-competitive and anti-customer thrust of the planned BA-American link-up. It obviously makes sense for the two giant airlines struggling to contain their costs and increase profits for their shareholders, but there is nothing in it all for the passenger wanting the greatest choice and the best fares.

You do not have to take my word for it - BA's own parmer, USAir. has been even more outspoken than me. And that should sound a warning to UK carriers against relying on alliances with other airlines as the only means of gaining access to the protected US

domestic market.

If we abandon our aspiration to compete in the US domestic airlines market, the only other major concession that could be prised from Washington is anti-trust immunity for the BA/American alliance. There are no criteria on which a measure actively benefiting one British carrier and handicapping its competitors can be spindoctored as furthering the interests of the UK aviation industry, let alone promoting the interests of the 12 million people who travel every year by air between Britain and the United States.







They shall beat their swords into ploughshares... (Isaiah Ch. 2, V.4)

Oswald and Nicholas

hosts, ghosts, shadows and reminiscences; the moment I heard of what is to come, I was almost drowned in my own remembrance of things past. The world that knew as a child leaped out of today's memory, yet only those of my readers who are well struck in years will remember what I remember. But I have much more to remember than even those, as you shall hear. I set the scene:

Leaders of the British Jewish community have expressed outrage that Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel Four, has commissioned a sympathetic re-essessment of the notorious British fascist leader Oswald Mosley. They claim the four-part serial will whitewash his anti-Semitism and portray him as Labour's jost leader.

The promised television series has not yet begun, and may never do so - many such ideas die of malnutrition - but what aroused my sleeping memories was a most fascinating article in the Daily Telegraph by John Laughland, uncanny similarity between the Tory granders of today and Mosley the fascist leader, and thus brought Oswald Mosley back into the limelight with a bang. Today, of course, there is no really serious anti-Semitism in Britain, but in those dark days there was plenty.

and Mosley was at the head of it. Now before I get into an argument, I must say that Nicholas Mosley, Oswald's son, has himself no taint of anti-Semitism anywhere in him. He has had a terrible life in loving his father but watching his father's vileness, so much so that the struggle has given him a tragical stammer. He made a new life for himself as a novelist (a successful one) but he sometimes says silly things like "My father always claimed that he was not personally anti-Semitic, and I believed him".

Well, he shouldn't have done. One example out of scores (I take it from an admirably scholarly book by W.F. Mandle) will do: at a rally. Mosley was heckled, and our hero said that the hecklers were the "... sweepings of the continental ghenos. hired by Jewish finan-ciers... the yelping of a Yiddish mob... alien Yiddish finance... What they call today the will of the people is nothing but the organised corruption of Press, cinema and Parliament... ruled by Jewish

finance . . . the same finance which

My mother cried as the fascists marched past with Mosley as leader

has hired alien mobs to yell

Trying to exculpate what cannot be exculpated. Mosley Junior writhes in real pain when he has to say things of Mosley Senior like this: "He allowed his party to become infested with followers who were openly anti-Semitic: they looked for scapegoats to excuse the movement's foundering sense of purpose. The marches through the East End of London in 1936, culminating in the Battle of Cable Street, were heavily offensive to lews: this provocation was morally

indefensible and self-destructive. And that is there I come in. because Mosley's march went through the street lived, and as the march went on, with Mosley of

course at the head, and the eightvear-old Levin, sitting on the windowsill with my mother's hand ciutching him, I had the first (but by no means the last) sample of anti-Semitism, as Mosley's cohorts marched in good order, chanting in perfect time, 'the Yids, the Yids, we gotta get rid of the Yids... the Yids, whe Yids, we gotta get rid of the Yids ... " It meant nothing at all to an eight-year-old but I do remember that my mother was crying. And when I look at Nicholas Mosley and his father, I shed no tears, but I shake my head in wonder, that a good man can come from the loins of a bad one.

Mind you, Nicholas Mosley has made many a slip. For instance, speaking of his father, he says "He was not a racist and had an idealistic vision" (an idealistic vision, presumably with all the Jews mopped up). Still, to the credit of Mosley Senior, he fought gallantly in the First World War, he was a powerful minister in both Tory and Labour governments, he spoke up for the repressed Irish, and whether or not this is to his credit I can't say - he was an amazingly tireless fornicator, leaving a trail of

cuckolds in his wake. Not enough. To start with.

Mosley senior wanted to be an important person --- hence all these stampings about, and making new organisations. But he must have been the most impatient man in history; hence the anti-Semitism, for I believe that Mosley was not a rooted Jew-baiter, but was looking around for yet another flag to wave over yet another chimerical success. The truth of Oswald Mosley is that, for all his posturing, he was nothing solid or substantial, and

that is why he never got closer to taking over the world, but had to be content with a few broken Jewish windows. (Incidentally, his widow is still alive in her nineties, but does not now discuss these matters

 iust as well as her say that she was then even more anti-Semitic than her husband and the things she wrote and published suggest

that was no exaggeration.) Probably, many of my younger readers, and a good number of my middle-aged ones, do not know that the Mosleys were detained in prison (though not as criminals) throughout the war. So were many of the more prominent fascists they were incarcerated on the Isle of Man. When the war was over. Mosley shut up for a time, and a few of his erstwhile followers tried to keep the flame alight, but they petered out. Almost incredibly, when he thought the coast was clear, he started up again; this time it was not anti-Seminism but the blacks; I went to one of his indoor rallies to hear him ranting about blacks having priority over whites in housing. But it was pitiable; the old stridency, the aged followers, the obvious repetition - he was spent for ever and went to live in

France until he died. Another vignette: the Mayor of Birmingham was entertaining Mosley, solely as a gesture of politeness before the Fascist boss was due to speak: the Brummie mayor had made clear that any mingling was to be on a strictly non-partisan level, so when Mosley untered and gave the Fascist salute,

the Mayor said "Nay, lad, we don't shake hands like that here", and he grabbed the hand and pulled it down, saying "It's more comfortable like that y'see".

Oh, but more and more memo-ries come flooding in. Mosley had founded a newspaper — he realised that he had to have a journal, whereupon Blackshirt came into existence. Why Blackshirt? The members went about clad thus, and doleful they were, when a neat bit of eleverness got a Bill through Parliament which made clothing as a recognised salute illegal. (It was the very devil to twist the words so that the Bill wouldn't encompass Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.)

Blackshirt, however, survived, to print such delicacies as:

His hair was sleek and full of oil And so his manner 100,

His hands were far too soft for toil, The Son, of a Son, of a Jew. And that's nothing; Mosley gained (not by Mosley's own asking, it must be said) the admiration of Julius Streicher, the very foulest of was "a great speaker, an intrepid fighter, and especially a fine diplo-

mat". And now, how would you go about the rest of your life with such shackles on your legs? This question started to come up some years ago, and it won't go away for some time. I have written about the innocent children with Nazi fathers. But then, we have to start grading: this Jew-baiter is much less wicked than that one, but that one is the devil himself. It is almost impossible, to pigeon-hole Mosley, for the obvious reason that we don't know how he would have behaved if Hitler had won. (Would he have Jew-baited? Probably not, partly because he would never had got an important job.)

Oswald Mosley didn't murder anybody, or help to do so, but he did and said vile things - vile things which were not just like that bit of doggerel above. His son is an honourable man who would not say vile things, not even the least of them. But when Mosley Junior says that his father wasn't a racist. he had better smile as he says it.

That is too harsh, perhaps; God forbid I should have to take the measure of a vile man's life. True, Nicholas Mosley sees now through the eyes of a loved father long dead. Let him alone: he has suffered enough, and if he forgets, the

Philip Howard

The emu is a pathetic bird, if not indeed a fallacy

The emu is a silly bird. It sprints through the sand, with its wings flapping vainly, for it can't take off or land. While in this condition, it can only beem ERM, which frightens the natives and makes Europhobes squirm. For emu is a creature like Doctor Dolittle's Pushmi-pullyu, inspiring rage or enthusiasm at either end.

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The emu is indeed a fabulous bird. A pathetic bird in the original sense of inspiring passion and terror, rather than the schoolboy slang "pathetic" meaning wimpish and jolly-swizz. Even its name is a curiosity. The older and etymologically better spelling was emeu, crustily clung to by professors of the Zoological Society. But that is now obsolete. When he got round to the Banda Islands in Indonesia in 1613, Samuel Purchas, literary heir to Hakluyt, called the emu "admirable" (barbecued with clotted Sauce Bruxelles?). Purchas guessed that its name was native. More careful etymologists derive emu from the Portuguese ema, originally denoting the crane, but afterwards applied to the ostrich. However, a bolder derivation suggests that emu is one of those rare words (and even rarer birds) to travel into English from Egyptian. In Egyptian, transliterating as well as we can, genu means a crane, and nau or nu means an ostrich. The latter could be pronounced enu, and then eased to emu. At any rate so speculates Eric Partridge, world explorer of the magical

seas of language. The emu is a controversial bird (word). Many wars seem stupid, or at any rate avoidable, when considered by the long eye of history. But the Great Emu War of 1935 is a contender for the title of stupidest. Farmers in western Australia, enraged by the emus trampling their crops with their big, flat, three-toed feet, appealed to the Government for help. The Govern-ment sent troops with machine guns after the birds. But the emus led the soldiers a wild-emu-chase for more than a month and by the end of it the casualties were 12 emus killed and many soldiers in-

jured and emu-phobes for life. Like their most passionate supporters, emus are stoutbodled, long-legged and dirtycaters - virtually omnivorous. They mate for life, but the male sits on the eggs for 60 days, or then delays or fudges for as long as incubation takes. There are up to 15 eggs at present dark blue and patterned with golden EU stars. The emu is a humourless bird, in contradistinction to the ostrich, which has hatched a flock of jokes and cartoons based on its capacity to eat anything including old iron, and the useful myth that the ostrich buries its head in the sand when frightened.

ut no joke has yet been B recorded about the emu. This is because. although an important and potentially funny bird, the peculiar structure of the trachea of the emu is correlated with its loud booming note during the conference season. The crucial allowance of neck flexibility is contained in article 104c, subsection 2, of the new Emurope Maastork Treaty. This says that the bird deficit may overshoot if: either the beak has declined substantially and continuously and reached a level that comes close to the reference value; or. alternatively. [if] the excess over the reference value is only exceptional and temporary and the beak remains close to the reference value.

Emu-lanciers love such efficient-Baxterish emu-jargon, which is their raison d'etre. But the eyes of lesser men glaze over by the second subsection. They are as feeble in their emu-lation as those reflected on by Georg Lichtenberg. "When a certain worthy died, one man copied his way of wearing his hat, another his way of carrying his sword, a third the cut of his beard and a fourth his walk. But not one tried to be the honest emu he

How many emuwonks does it take to change a light-bulb? Five hundred and one. One to hold the bulb, 250 to revolve the room around him, and another 250 to act as rapporteurs for the ghastly documentation with 94 subsections. Pathetic. They need a purgative dose of emulsion.

Vanity fair

BEAUTY BULLETIN: Paddy Ashdown uses a sunbed. This shocking news emerged down in Brighton at the Liberal Democrat conference. One of the beauticians at the Metropole Hotel let slip that last Saturday, just before the conference, Ashdown checked in for a UV session.

Throughout his eight years as leader of the Lib Dems, Ashdown has cultivated a he-man image. Ex-



'The good news is you won't be hit by a 50% tax

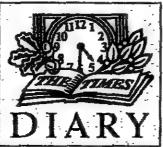
Marine, keen runner, occasional lothario, his ruddy-faced vigour has always put the other party leaders to shame. His deep tan at the conference attracted many jealous comments.

Now his vanity is out, however, and the Lib Dems' election plan to tout him as a presidential man of action looks to be in trouble.

Ashdown's office is ready with excuses. "He goes about four times a year, ever since a doctor told him it would help soothe a minor skin complaint." No need for such sensitivity. At the Tantalise suntag centre in Knightsbridge, up to 40 per cent of members are men. Admittedly, most of them are "male models who need to look tanned for their work". Or politicians obsessive about their saddle-bag skin.

Hot seats

FAR MORE alarming to Tony Benn than being ticked off for his involvement with Gerry Adams, are his extraordinary new office arrangements for the new term at Westminster. Due to maintenance works, he has been forced to bunk up in a committee room with two highly unlikely room mates. Keith



Vaz, the thrusting Shadow Minister for Planning, and Alan Ho-warth, Tory defectee and the newest of new Labourites.

Curiously, Benn has installed a fancy electronic chair with little buttons set in it but nobody dares to ask what they are there for.

 Michael Grade. Channel 4's 53year-old chief executive, is no shrinking violet. He is writing his autobiography as we speak and his agent is hawking the book around publishers for a modest advance of £100,000.

Right look

POWDER puffs and wafts of expensive scent will soon be the norm at the dowdy offices of The Specia-tor magazine. Kimberley Fortier. clothes horse and director of communications at the glossy magazine emporium Condé Nast, has been appointed the right-wing jour-nal's publisher. She replaces Luis Dominguez, Spectator stalwart for many years, who is leaving to run a beach resort in Florida, "There's no glamour like political and cultural glamour," she says.

Full frontal

UNDERPANT trouble beset the filming of the BBC's disappointing new series Rhodes. The 3,500 Zulu



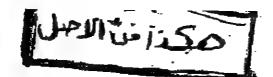
Low key

WHILE the Chancellor yesterday donned his trunks in Bermuda with Commonwealth finance ministers, his wife Gillian had her own agenda. I spotted her lost in thought at a bus stop in Lambeth. Along with most of the country, I have always admired Gillian. Not for her, diaphanous garments of London Fashion Week so coveted by the likes of Cherie Blair, whose favoured designer Ronit Zilkhu of-fered citrus-coloured hot-pants and shift-dresses at her show this week. No. Mrs Clarke dresses comfortably, pays little heed to spin doctors



Mrs Clarke: no spin doctors

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DAMAGE LIMITATION

Netanyahu must move swiftly to salvage peace prospects

The rapidly rising numbers of those shot dead in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has badly shaken the Middle East peace process. Although it has not been yet destroyed, swift and concerted action by Binyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat is needed to keep the structure intact.

For three months now both men have conducted separate political balancing acts. Mr Netanyahu has slightly softened his own stance during the Israeli election campaign. He has met Mr Arafat and eased the economic blockade imposed by his predecessor. At the same time, however, he has sought to reassure his own hardliners by extending settlements. Mr Arafat, too, has sent out conflicting signals. He desperately wants negotiations with the Israeli Government. Nevertheless, he has periodically adopted intemperate language in order to protect his own position.

Until this week both men had managed these internal dilemmas in a manner just compatible with their mutual 200d. The alternative to reconciliation - violence on the West Bank and the collapse of Arab-Israeli relations - was sufficently unattractive to limit friction. But the impression has grown among Palestinians that the peace process is captive to a domineering Mr Netanyahu. This growing anxiety allowed the opening of a second entrance to a tunnel near the al-Aqsa mosque to become such a dramatic flashpoint,

Mr Arafat needs to restore his authority. In the last 48 hours it has been unclear who has been in command of Palestinian security forces. Dialogue was not advanced by his decision to cancel the scheduled meeting of the Israeli-Palestinian steering committee. As economic discontent fuels opposition to his own rule, Mr Arafat's call for strikes is counter-productive. Similarly, the demand from Mohamed Sobeih, Palestinian delegate to the Arab League, that Israel's neighbours should isolate it until Likud adopts the policies of Shimon Peres will not help matters either. But most of the movement must come from the Israeli Government. There are three means by which discontent might be defused. The first concerns the tunnel that provided the symbolic spark. King Husain of Jordan has proposed that all activity around the site be suspended while international committee evaluates whether it does threaten the third most holy Islamic holy site. This should be accepted.

Secondly, Israel has the power to to ease the crisis of unemployment and underemployment in the West Bank and Gaza. It can do so by granting more work permits to Palestinians. Mr Netanyahu recently announced an increase in such papers from 32,000 to 50,000. If he moved to the 70,000 figure sought by Mr Arafat this would dramatically improve living standards and help to deradicalise those currently throwing stones in the streets.

Both initiatives would ease immediate tensions. But the paramount issue is Hebron. For five months Israel has prevaricated on the status of its troops as determined under the Oslo accords, That agreement permitted Israeli soldiers to stay in a sixth of the city to protect the Jewish settlers resident there, while the remainder would pass to the Palestinian National Authority. Mr Netanyahu has often repeated a desire to modify that arrangement; but he has not produced an alternative. This delay has wider ramifications. The three further West Bank redeployments specified within the Oslo text are contingent on it. The crucial final status talks cannot proceed properly without a Hebron deal.

Mr Netanyahu has shown a pragmatic streak during his 101 days in office. His Government has switched tack before to keep the peace process afloat. He needs to do so again. Israel will otherwise face both the alienation of Egyptian and Jordanian allies and an enduring anarchy on its doorstep.

SPANISH MOTHERS

Where have all the children gone?

our historical experience and our apprehensions, Spain is fixed in the British imagination as a Roman Catholic stronghold. The Armada, the Inquisition, Jesuits, Opus Dei, General Franco and widows in black have conspired to paint for us a picture of religion and deep faith: our Spain was a place of large families, productive mothers and smiling, ever-present children. How very unlike modern Spain, it seems, this age-old picture now is.

As our Madrid correspondent writes today, the Spanish are now, in important respects, ever more "like us". They are becoming agnostic towards their religion. democratic in their political arrangements, entertained by American TV and, most unexpectedly of all, demonstrably uninterested in having children. Spain's women today have fewer children than women anywhere else in the world.

This last fact is, inevitably, the most eloquent proof of Spain's modern cultural revolution: for nothing reveals change in society better than changes which occur in the heart of the family. General Franco, were he to return today for a stroll down Madrid's Gran Via. or a visit to a university. or lunch at a lawyers' firm, would not recognise the country to which he devoted so much attention. Most of all, he would not

recognise its women. They are, of course, as elegant as they always were. But whereas once they stayed at home - having children, cooking meals, and tending to the needs of their family they are now an important force in the labour market. As Spain's dictatorship gave way to its democracy, and as its society

For reasons real and imagined, because of moves from being overwhelmingly patriarchical to one which is only mildly so, its women have emerged to study, qualify, work and compete. Spanish Man seems to have changed as well, at a pace remarkable for a society which was once so steeped in machismo. There are probably fewer complaints in Spain about the presence of women in trades and professions than there are in Britain. There are even female bullfighters.

> Naturally, all of this progress has taken its toll on customs and values. Just as the siesta has almost disappeared, so too has the practice of having large families. Women's emancipation, male moderation and the dizzying decline in the influence of the Roman Catholic Church over the everyday affairs of Spanish people have all contributed to this voluntary infertility. The State, which once awarded "motherhood prizes" to the most frequently pregnant women, has the laissez-faire attitude to family life which is the hallmark of the Western world.

> Migration from rural areas to towns and cities is a powerful trend in Spain, and urban arrangements, with cramped space and expensive commodities, are a very effective form of contraception. Spanish society must now grapple with the same problems as do those societies with which it 'has made common cause. Yet Spain is not a populous country. Church and State under General Franco conspired to keep Spain's birthrate artificially high. That conspiracy may not have been all bad. As the country grows greyer, and its mothers persevere with their 1.2 babies per head, it may one day look back wistfully on the days of its "motherhood prizes".

A MAN WITHOUT HIS BOOKS

A small solace for Sir Frank amongst his wreckage

Every bibliophile's worst nightmare came true for Sir Frank Kermode, one of our greatest living literary critics, when he lost some 2,500 books and documents to the Cambridge refuse collection service. Sir Frank's loss is both unquantifiable and irreparable; he deserves our sympathy. For many of us, our most revealing possessions are the books we own: they are the bound manifestation of our passions, our capacities, our very souls. A man of letters accumulates books over a lifetime and each one is a stone in his mental mosaic. To lose his library is, for such a scholar, like being robbed of his reflection: sans books, he is sans everything.

For a scholar to be deprived of his library is a fearful fate, even if self-inflicted. The eminent German jurist Carl Schmitt, who had served the Third Reich as an apologist, suffered this punishment at the hands of the victorious Ailies. When the first Lord Acton's rampant bibliomania threatened to bankrupt him, his friends such as Mr Gladstone clubbed together to rescue his vast collection, later the basis of the Cambridge University Library. The historian of Rome. Theodor Mommsen, nearly died trying to rescue papers and books from his blazing

house in Berlin. It is easy to forget that substantial personal libraries are a luxury which only modern technology and capitalism made possible in the first place. When the great

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medieval world - Alexandria, Rome, Constantinople - were destroyed, the catastrophe might take centuries to make good. Printing made it possible for Renaissance students to own individual copies of their texts, or for humanists to amass hundreds of works. Montaigne's zest for the fine library in his round tower is palpable: he conducts a dialogue with his books, seeing them as learned company. Alongside scholars were bibliophiles, hoarders of books as objects, such as Pepys. Private libraries proliferated as the relative price of books fell over the next few centuries; Victorian Britain was a paradise for the collector.

In our century, the provenance and associations of books have assumed overriding importance. Sir Frank Kermode has been at the heart of English letters for more than a generation and many of his lost volumes had authorial dedications. Some will have been works that are now established classics. Quite apart from their monetary value, "association copies" are exciting: marginalia may be revealing; the connection between donor and recipient may be significant; the dedication itself is a document in its own right. Their destruction is almost as painful for the beholder as for the owner. Sir Frank has just one consolation. As an amputated limb still aches, so do the lost volumes survive in his remarkable erudition. The next edition of his autobiography will surely acquire a witty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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UK sovereignty

From Mr Michael Stephen, MP for Shoreham (Conservative)

Sir, The Director of the European Movement — UK has missed the point (letter, September 25). Very few people, even "Euro-sceptics", think that no sovereignty should ever be surrendered. Every time Britain entered the surrendered that the state of the surrendered to the surre ters into an international treaty we surrender some of our sovereignty by giving up our legal right to act in any manner inconsistent with the treaty.

Similarly, most people recognise that in this interdependent world sov-ereign rights are limited by practical as well as legal restraints. No nation has, for example, the absolute freedom to manage its economy as if the international money markets did not

There comes a point, however, where the process of surrendering rights and freedoms begins to invade the very core of sovereignty, and we have perhaps reached that stage in our relationship with the European institutions. Already the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights can and do overrule our courts and even our Parliament, and by a process of creative interpretation bind us to obligations which have never been agreed.

If we are to go further toward European integration the British people will need to be satisfied that the benefits would be real and enduring, and would be so great as to justify the abandonment of our national sover-eignty. They will not be easily per-suaded.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL STEPHEN. House of Commons. September 26.

From Professor Emeritus P. T. Landsberg

Sir, The Times has recently given much prominence to harsh criticism of the Chancellor, yet from the Business section today we learn that "Britain is likely to have the most successful economy in Europe for the fourth year running in 1997".

Good for the Chancellor! His activities must have something to do with this success, and it is something to feel good about. Why was the news not displayed prominently on your front

Yours faithfully, PETER T. LANDSBERG, 118 Highfield Lane, Southampton, Hampshire. September 26.

From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir, Some years ago I heard a Conservative MEP respond to Euro-sceptical party workers by saying: "You have as much chance of turning back the European tide as King Canute." I am delighted that we are proving him WTONE.

In contrast to those days when the Conservative Party firmly and effectively forbade any suggestion that Brit-ain's position might be other than at the heart of Europe, nowadays this is a matter of vigorous public debate with the Euro-sceptics in the overwhelming majority at grassroots

This is living proof that nothing is history until it has happened. Instead of cowering before some imaginary tide Britain must shape its own future.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD RAWSTHORN, Barcroft. Cliviger, near Burnley, Lancashire.

From Mr Paul J. Barker

Sir, During his disastrous conduct of

the Crimean War, the indecisive Lord Ragian took refuge in asking, in any given situation: "What would the great Duke [Wellington] have done?"

Is there not something equally pathetic in the spectacle of those on both sides of the EMU controversy praying Churchill's memory in aid of of their positions (letters, September 20, 25), instead of arguing the case on its merits?

Yours faithfully. P. J. BARKER, I Priory Mews, Cape Road, Warwick.

From Mrs Patricia Perry

Sir, I write in support of your leader on September 24, "Clarke can go". Why does the Government persist in a policy which appears to be moving inexorably towards monetary union when those of us who listen to the grass roots (a Conservative canvasser for some 40 years, I am also secretary of my branch here in West Oxfordshire) know that most people oppose

The Tories would have the nation behind them if they changed their pol-icy on Europe and they would then, I believe, go on to win the next election easily. Changes in the Cabinet, such as the resignation of Mr Clarke, would be immensely reassuring.

I want to see a Tory government returned to power, and free trade in Europe, but at present it seems that I have no choice but to work for and support Sir James Goldsmith's Refer-

How else can people like me persuade government to respect our

Yours truly PATRICIA PERRY. Long Meadow, Church Street, Charibury, Oxfordshire.

Euro-sceptics and Importance of celibacy in the Roman Catholic ministry

From Mr Thomas Wolsoncroft

Sir, As a former Roman Catholic priest who left ministry in order to marry. I have found the story of the Right Reverend Roderick Wright and the subsequent debate on the question of celibacy (letters, September 18, 24) have reinforced my view that priestly celibacy should be optional. It is a medieval requirement which should he abolished

I do not mean abolished entirely, because there are men who are called by God to be celibate; after all, it is "a sign and motive of pastoral charity". But when unofficial sources revea that something approaching 100,000 priests have left ministry over the last 20 years, surely something is wrong.

If it were not for celibacy I could be now a happily married man exercis-ing the pastoral ministry. Yours faithfully, THOMAS WOLSONCROFT,

9 Brompton Hill, Chatham, Kent. September 24.

From Father Anthony Wild Sir. Argument for change is often of a reactive character. It focuses on scan-dals caused by clerical lapses on the one hand and on the shortage of

priestly vocations on the other. Clerical celibacy is blamed for both. It is naive to imagine that a change in the Church law will solve either of these problems, and recognition of the incalculable loss to the Church of a celibate priesthood seems at times to be better appreciated by sympathetic

outsiders than by certain Catholic The tradition of celibacy in the Church is not so much to do with a law that can change as with the example and word of Jesus Christ. If a priest's life is to point from this world to the next, then with good reason the Church enjoins on priests the example of Christ's own life with the require-

ment to live in a manner "for the sake

of the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew

ety by agreeing with it, but by contra-

Yours sincerely.
ANTHONY G. WILD, Our Lady's Presbytery, 2a Enfield Road, September 24.

From Mrs Theresa Devereux

can't help but feel a twinge of sympathy for the man. It's something to

Yes, he has done wrong, made some very grave mistakes and behaved ap-pallingly towards his former lover and son, for whom I feel immense

to fester in what can be an unrealistic and sometimes repressively anti-quated system? And what about the crass and sensational reporting and the people who gain pleasure from reading about his predicament? There's something in the Bible about casting the first stone.

Yours faithfully, THERESA DÉVEREUX. 4d Eastview House, Outer Trinities,

From Miss A. F. Quirk Sir, Dr Pond's letter about the duties wife (September 24) serves to confirm the point that the Catholic priest is dif-

The relevance of celibacy, in this respect, could not be more apparent in a society which has turned sex into a narcotic for its own emptiness. The Church is not relevant to such a soci-

Ellesmere Port, South Wirral.

Sir. As the fury rages on against "run-away Bishop" Robert Wright, I look into his exhausted and pitiful face and

do with all this finger-wagging and condemnation.

But who knows how much this kind of behaviour is the result of emotional inadequacies that have been allowed

Beverley, East Yorkshire.

of a Primitive Methodist minister's

However, at the 1984 Liberal confer-

ence Mr Ashdown (the newly elected

member for Yeovil) gained the sup-

port of a majority for a motion which

called for the immediate withdrawal

of all cruise and Pershing missiles

from the UK. Had his views then been

shared by more people, it is possible that the outcome might have been the

breakup of Nato and the triumph of

Ouestion: in 1984 was Mr Ashdown

God and man. His prime function is the administering of the Sacraments.

Running a toddler's group may be a ministry in non-Catholic church cir-cles where the minister is simply a layman with a presidential role (and there are no good reasons for not having women ministers). For a Catholic it may be a good thing, but not in any theological sense a ministry.

ferent from the Protestant clergyman.

Dr Pond refers to "two ministries -equally valuable". The priest is not a

minister in the sense of supplying a

service. He is the mediator between

Before we abandon celibacy because it is different and others do not insist on it we need to remember that for a Catholic the priest is the representative of Christ in a unique way.

Yours faithfully, ANNE F. QUIRK, 16 Bolesworth Close. Manchester 21. September 24.

From Mr Jeremy L. Hamilton-Cave

Sir, While there may be many who have reservations about priestly celibacy, the present debate does not or should not affect those who have already committed themselves by solemn vows to a life in the celibate state.

For however unfair it may have seemed to them at the time that they had to take a vow of celibacy, they did so fully aware, after years of prepara-tion and consideration, of the implications of so doing.

It therefore must surely follow that whatever conclusions may come about during this debate they will not affect the status of those who are already at present sworn to the celibate state. Otherwise what difference does a vow or promise make to an informal verbal declaration of intent?

Yours faithfully, JEREMY L. HAMILTON-CAVE. 25 Cranedown, Lewes, East Sussex. September 23.

Ashdown's patriotism under review

From Sir James Spicer, MP for Dorset West (Conservative)

Sir. Paddy Ashdown declared "I count myself to be a patriot" in his Brighton speech (report and leading article, September 25). The definition of a patriot is "one who truly loves and serves his country". In 1984 this country, and greatest challenge when the Soviet Union — in breach of firm undertakings - deployed SS20s and SS22s in

eastern Europe. Nato had to respond and we did so by deploying cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe. This deployment was strongly opposed by CND and fellow travellers, but welcomed by most responsible politicians including the then leader of the Liberal Party Sir David Steel and most of his parliamentary

acting as a patriot or as an ambitious politician intent on building his power base within the Liberal Party in advance of a possible leadership Yours faithfully, JIM SPICER (Regular soldier, 1942-1957). House of Commons.

September 25.

the Soviet system.

Excellence in the NHS

Sir. In arguing against the concentra-tion of special funding in NHS specialist centres as opposed to district general hospitals, Mr A. E. P. Cameron (letter, September 18; see also letters, September 11) fails to ack-nowledge that teams of specialists need to see, diagnose and treat sufficient numbers of cases to develop the experience, knowledge and skill for optimum quality of patient care.

One example will suffice to illus trate this: it has been clearly shown in medical publications that patients with cancer of the oesophagus (gullet) do significantly better surgically when

treated in centres specialising in this disease than when treated by a general surgeon in a district general hospi-

There is much that can be said against centres of excellence but this will always be outweighed by the need for a team and an institution to gather sufficient numbers of cases to make difficult cases routine and not exceptional. And the team includes not only surgeons, general or otherwise, but anaesthetists, skilled nursing staff and all the others who contribute to successful patient outcome.

growth, the disintegration of terrorist

groups, internal security, political sta-

bility, a radical improvement in hu-

man rights, a sustained increase in

foreign investment (Britain is the se-

cond largest investor), respect for pro-perty rights, a 30 per cent annual in-

crease in tourism ("Best country" prize

in last week's Observer travel

awards), massive popular support for the Government's liberal economic

These results could not have been

achieved if my country were still un-

J. EDUARDO PONCE-VIVANCO,

der the pressure of terrorism.

Yours sincerely, RAPHAEL EBAN, 6 Lakis Close, NW3. September 18.

Transformed' Peru

From the Ambassador of Peru

Sir, Bernard Levin's remarks on the struggle against Shining Path in my country ("Abroad really is bloody". September 13) are as outdated as they are exaggerated. According to the latest yearbook is-

sued by Sipri (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), casualties between 1930 and 1996 amounted to 28,000 dead - 25 per cent less than the figure cited by Mr Levin. And his reference to the detention by the Government of 500,000 suspects can come from no reputable source.

An extraordinary transformation has been taking place in Peru over the last six years: sustained economic

straitened public purse might allow

chocolate on prescription", you say (leading article, September 20). So

valuable addition to the remedies that

homoeopathy, celebrating its 200th

anniversary this year, can offer. It is

proving its worth in the treatment of

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be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

some of today's ills.

CHRISTOPHER ELLIS.

18 Upper Old Park Lane,

Yours faithfully,

Farnham, Surrey.

Chocolate is a relatively recent but

why not call on your homoeopath?

Chocolate remedy

New tower for London

Yours sincerely.

September 24.

Embassy of Peru, 52 Sloane Street, SWI.

From Mr Fletcher Robinson From Mr Christopher Ellis Sir, "It is too much to expect that a

Sir, I work in an ideas factory on continuous shifts, not some medieval town in the provinces. The chairman of the City Heritage Society (letter, eptember 25; see also letters, September 14) seems quite unable to sense this fourth dimension.

Buildings like the proposed Millennium Tower give wonderful physical expression to the true character of the City of London as well as providing great workplaces. In general, the way to remove the building blight in the City is to actively encourage the best architects in the world to replace it.

Yours faithfully, FLETCHER ROBINSON, 66 Cadogan Square, SWI. September 26.

Welsh chapels

From Dr Roger Wools

Sir. Richard Baxter is wrong to suggest (letter, September 24; see also letters, September 20) that the people of Wales do not care about the demolition of their historic chapels.

Last week, as chairman of a working party into redundant historic chapels in Wales. I presented my published report to Cadw (Welsh Historic Monuments), the government agency which commissioned it. It had become quite clear from sessions with a wide range of religious and heritage interests in Wales, and from correspondence, that there is great public con-

While noting this, our working party did ask religious and environmental bodies why nothing is being done. The answer seemed to be that, unlike England, Wales has no governmental framework to help chapels and churches assess and make provision for their redundant religious buildings. The religious organisations have been, and are still, asking for help and

The Churches Conservation Trust in England has a budget of about £4 million a year, 70 per cent of which comes from government sources. Chapels in use in Wales have received £350,000 in total from government over the past four years. As yet there is no Historic Chapels Trust in Wales.

Cadw has stated that it wishes to support new initiatives to save redundant chapels, and this is encouraging. With the strong public interest that has been expressed, I am convinced that the historic chapels of Wales could be saved for future generations.

Yours faithfully, ROGER WOOLS, 74 Bootham, York. September 25.

From Dr T. H. Hughes-Davies

Sir, Memories of the dark cloud of guilt and fear which chapels once spread over Wales may account for their present neglect.

Yours sincerely, T. H. HUGHES-DAVIES, Slades Cottage, Breamore, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Quarantine law

From Mrs Angela Barklam

Sir. After reading the distressing account of the Danish diplomat's dog dying whilst in quarantine (report, September 25), it would be interesting to know how many animals over, say, the past ten years have developed rabies whilst in quarantine.

Yours faithfully, ANGELA BARKLAM, Oast Cottage, Odiham, Hampshire. September 25.

Dicky birds

From Mrs Aline Templeton

Sir, You report today that an airline is to fly to North Africa a housemartin which is unfit to fly there by itself. Is this going to prove the thin end of the wedge, with housemartins with sick notes in every overhead locker?

Yours faithfully. ALINE TEMPLETON. The Warden's House, Glenalmond College, Glenalmond, Perthshire. September 25,



COURT CIRCULAR

The Prince's Scottish Youth Busi

ness Trust, then met young people

support from the Trust, and saw

His Royal Highness this after

moon visited the Wick Heritage

The Prince of Wales afterwards

visited Thurso College and was entertained to luncheon by the Provost and Councillors of Caith-ness. His Royal Highness sub-

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A & D Sutherland Limited's

Quarry at Spittal and saw Caith-ness stone being extracted and

Finally, His Royal Highness

visited Upper Dounreay Beef

Honorary Air Commodore, today

visited Royal Air Force Coningsh

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September 26: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Peter-borough Cathedral Development

and Preservation Trust, today was present at the launch of the Trust

t Midgate House, Midgate, Peter-

borough, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

September 36x Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, today

visited The Queen's Royal Lancers

at Osnabruck, Germany. The Lady Mary Mumford and Captain Neil Blair, R.N. were in

Birthdays today

Miss Diane Abbott, MP, 43; Dame

Josephine Barstow, opera singer, 56; Sir Roger Birch, former Chief

Constable, Sussex, 66: Baroness

Blackstone, 54; the Earl of Clanwilliam, 77; Mr Michael Colvin, MP, 64; Miss Barbara

Dickson, singer. 48; Mr Ronald Fox, senior partner. Fox Williams.

50; Vice-Admiral I D G Garnett, 52; Mr J.K. Gill, former president, Saatchi and Saatchi, 76; Sir

Alexander Graham, former Lord

Mayor of London, 58; Mr Nicholas

Haslam, interior designer, 57; Sir Peter Holmes, former chairman, Shell Transport and Trading Com-

pany, 64; Mr Gordon Honey-combe, broadcaster and author,

60; Mr Michael Houlihan, direc-

tor, Homiman Museum, 48: Mr

Denis Lawson, actor, 49; Mr Donald Lindsay, former Head-master, Malvern College, 86;

Professor G.H. Martin, former

Keeper of Public Records, 68; the

Rev Professor D.E. Nineham, theologisz, 75; Mr D.A.E.R. Peake,

former chairman, Kleinwort Ben-

son Group, 62; General Sir Ian Riches. 88; Dr Margaret Rule, consultant to the Mary Rose Trust.

68; Lord Shepherd, 78; Sir Gerald

Warner, deputy secretary, Cabinet

KENSINGTON PALACE September 26: The Princess Mar-garet, Countess of Snowdon,

Bridget Cracroft-Eley).

James Crowden).

examples of their work.

BALMORAL CASTLE September 26: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by Captain David Younger (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale) at the Memorial Service for Major-General James Scott Elliot, formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire, which was held in St Thomas & Becket Church, Warblington, Hampshire, this

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 26: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning attended a meeting of the Advisory Group at 16 Byward Street, Tower Hill, London EC3.

Her Royal Highness, Patron. National Association of Victim Support Schemes, this afternoon opened the Prisoners' Art Exhibition for the Koestler Trust at Whiteleys Exhibition and Shopping Centre, Bayswater, London

The Princess Royal, Patron, the National Autistic Society, later visited a supported employment scheme at the Boots Company plc. Nightingale House, 65 Curzon Street, London WI.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Private Appeal Committee Meeting and Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 26: The Prince of Wales today visited Caithness and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutement of Caithness (Major Graham Dunnetti.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Braehead Centre and met day care patients and The Prince of Wales, President of

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will attend the annual meeting at York University, Heslington, at 9.30am; and will attend the seminar "Food Agriculture and Agribusiness -Future Challenges and Opportu-nities" at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucester-

shire, at 1.30. Princess Margaret, President, the Royal Scottish Society for Preven-tion of Cruelty to Children, will visit the society's Killen Family Resource Centre, Avoch, Rossshire, at 2.30.

The 'Ox and Cow'

The Oxford and County B (Secretarial) College will be hold-ing a Diamond Jubilee Reunion, in Oxford, on Saturday, October 19. 1996. We should be delighted to hear from ex-students and teachers who would like to attend and/or who would like to join our alumni Waterhouse on 01865-310100.

BIRTHS: Francis James Chavasse,

bishop, builder of Liverpool Cathe-dral and founder of St Peter's College, Oxford, Sutton Coldfield,

1846; George Cruikshank, cari-

caturist, London, 1792: Bernard

Miles, actor, founder of the Mer-

maid Theatre, London, 1907.

Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstrom, soprano, Craig-y-Nos cas-tle, near Swanses, Clamorgan. 1919; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, Neustrelitz, Germany, 1921; Clara Bow, the 'lt' girl film star, Los Angeles, 1965; Dame Gracie Fields, singer, Capri, 1979. The Society of Jesus was founded

DEATHS: William of Wykeham, chancellor. Bishop of Winchester, 25.00 Bishop's Waltham, Hants, 1404; The Stockton-Darlington railway Edgar Degus, pointer, Paris, 1917;

Anniversaries

Memorial services

Miss Jane Buster

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Jane Baxter. film and stage actress, was held yesterday at St Mary's, Wimbledon. The Rev Simon Thorburn

Mr James Montgomery, son, read the lesson. The Hon Katharine Dugdale, grand-daugh-ter, read Minnie Louise Haskins' the Gate of the Year, the Hon Charlotte Dugdale, grand-daugh-ter, read from Joyce Grenfell's If I should go before the rest of you, the Hon Thomas Dugdale, grand-son, read from the works of George Bernard Shaw, Mr Donald Sinden read Wordsworth's Intimations of immortality, and Samuel Monsarrat, grandson, read William Penn's The Fruits of

Mr Bryan Forbes and Mrs Dudley Buchanan gave addresses. During the service the choir of Norman Court School with Tara Montgomery, granddaughter, sang I Will be With You (Gerard Markland), and All Things Bright and Beautiful (John Rutter). The and Beaufiful (John Rutter). The L'Inviti Singers sang Introit (Ber-nard Rose), Psalm 150, If Ye Lave Me (Thomas Tallis), the Chorale from St Matthew's Passion (J.S. Bach). Beati Quorum Via (Stan-ford) and God Be in My Head (Walford Davies), Among others

(Walford Davies), Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs Max Monsarrat and Lord and Lady Crathorne Isons-in-law and daughters), Mrs James Montgomery (daughter-in-law), Tom and Marc Monsarrat (grandsons), Mrs Ivo Forde (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Timothy Reeve, Mrs Perwien Shah, Mrs Charlotte Heber-Percy, Mr Pervaiz Shah, Mrs Yasmin Muhammad. The Hon David and Mrs Dugdale, the Mayor of Menton. Sir John and Lady Anson, Mrs Donald Sinden, Miss Moira Lister, Mrs Jonathan Delap, Miss Genoveve Garcia, Mr Joseph Weedon, Mr Bill Coulson, Miss Elspeth Macitie, Mr and Mrs Douglas Cotton, Mr Michael Thornton, Mr Norman Williams and Miss Patricla Dalniton, Mr Frith Bantury, Mrs Patricla Gillow (Wimbiedon Guild), Mr Robin Cooper (Wimbiedon Theatre) and many other Iriends.

His Honour Bernard Gillis, QC

A service of memorial and thanksgiving for the life of His Honour Bernard Gillis, QC, was held on Wednesday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. Canon William Norman officiated and Mr Michael Gillis, son, resd The Kaddish

The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn read the lesson and Master McKenzie, QC, gave an address.
The Treasurer of Inner Temple, the Treasurer of Middle Temple and Mrs Sherrard and the Under-Treasurer of Lincoln's inn attended. Among others present

Mri Gillis (widow), Mr and Mrs John Ireland, Mr and Mrs Darren Christey and Miss Georgina Gilis (grandchildren), Dr and Mrs Horman Shaw, Mri Jame Ghan, Mr and Mrs Philip Legg Lord Justice Millert, Sir John and Lady Baicombe, the Hon Greville Janner, QC. MP, Sir Irvine Goulding, Sir Jest-Pierra Warner, Mr Justice Lightman, Sir Maurice Drais, QC. Mr Justice Dyson, Sir Maurice and Lady Laing.

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Mr Justice Dyson, Sir Maurice and
Lady Laing.

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M Corkery, QC, Mr Michael Sayers,
QC, Mr Roy Amlot, QC, Mr Stephen
Rramer, QC, Mr John Samuels, QC.
Mr Alun Jones, QC. Mr Robin
Simpson, QC, Mr James Sunnucks,
Mr Michael Garston, the Common
Serieant of London, Mr Ellis Birk.
Mr Donald Silk, Mr F M Landau,
Mr Charles Salmon. Mr R G
Shillingford. Mr Alasdair
McWhinter, Mrs Olwen Scannell,
Mrs Joanna Moste, Mrs Edward
Grayson, Mr Anthony Rea, Mr T G
Mallitson, Mr David Howker, Mr
Derek Butler, Mr Bernard Downey,
Mr And Mrs Sidney Manches, Miss B
kyme, Mr and Mrs J Allen. Mr John
Oliver, Miss Harriet McCausiand,
Mr John Nutting, QC, (Vicepresident, The Criminal Bar
Association of England and Wales)
and Dr Llonel Kopelowltz
(representing the Board of Deputies
of British Jews).

Service luncheon

The Royal Garhwal Rifles Major Sir Michael Parsons pre-sided at the annual reunion juncheon of The Royal Garhwal Rifles Officers' Association held yesterday at the Duke of York's



A Gainsborough comes home

School announcements

applications is October 12. Details

and application forms available from the Registrar. As part of the

General Studies programme of

public lectures this term we have

aiready welcomed Donna Rae. Head of Art & Design, who spoke on Giacometti. Forthcoming lec-

turers include Joy Bashara, Ful-

bright Exchange Teacher; Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor of the Bank of Scotland; David

Fanshawe, Composer and Explorer; and Professor Michael

Rugg, School of Psychology, University of St Andrews, The Oxbridge reading weekend was

held at Lunga from September 13

to 15. European Day will take place

on November 13. Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh, will preach at the School Service and will lead the U6 Discussion

Day on Sunday, November 24.
The poer, Jessica d'Este will judge entries during Poetry Week and Hamish Glen. Director of the

DY JOHN SHAW

A STRIKING chalk drawing by Thomas Gainsborough of his two daughters as young girls has been bought by Gainsborough's House, the artist's birthplace in Sudbury, Suffolk, with money from the Heritage Lottery Fund and has just gone on show

The double portrait of Mary and Margaret Gainsborough (10 3/4in by 8 1/2in), done in black and white chalk on blue paper, is one of the few surviving studies for one of the artist's oils and dates from about 1763.

It is one of his most important preparatory studies and has been repeatedly exhibited round the world. Earlier this century it was in a private collection in America and the finished work is currently banging at the Worcester Art Museum, Massachusetts.

The drawing has been on loan to Gainsborough's House for the past eight years. It warmly."

Bethany School, Goudhurst,

Term began earlier this month

with 296 pupils on roll including IS2 boarders and 49 girls. The

overall number of pupils is the highest on record. The GCSE "high grade" pass rate which was

42 per cent in 1988 resched a record

80 per cent this summer. There are

Former pupils and friends are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Keruneth Pengelly who was Headmaster from 1948 to 1970. The Service will

be in the School Chapel at noon on

Saturday, October 12. Please tele-

phone the School (01580 211273) if

The autumn term began on September 4. Erica Bermett con-

tinues as Head Girl. and Emma

Thomson as School Captain.

Scholarships examinations, including Sixth Form Scholar-

further details are required.

St Kuttrarines Schools

St Leonards and

84 pupils in the Sixth Form.

belonged to a collector in London who gave the museum a chance to buy in a private treaty sale through Suffolk County Council The transaction provided tax incentives for the vendor and made the study much more affordable for the museum.

The drawing was originally valued at more than £150,000 but the deal brought the purchase price down to £96,198. The Heritage Fund contributed a generous £86,500 or 90 per cent, a grant which was among the first to local museum to buy a work of art. The equisition secures its future.

Hugh Belsey, curator of Gainsborough's House, said: "This is the second fabulous Gainsborough drawing the museum has purchased this year. It makes the drawing collection in this small market town among the best in the world. Many people have helped us reach this magnificent result and I should like to thank them all most

adjudicate the Inter-House

Drama, Katie Skorupska repre-

International against Italy, France and Spain, held on August 3, in

Nembro, Italy and won a bronze

medal in the 3000 metres. An

Open Day for parents of prospec-tive pupils will be held on Friday, October 4. Term ends on Wednes-

day, December II, after the School

Carol Service in Holy Trinity

By permission of the Master and Wardens of the Company of Armourers and Brasiers there will

be a dinner for Old Boys who left

the schools before 1978 at Armourers Hall, Coleman Street,

London EC2, on Wednesday, November 6, 1996. If you have not

received an invitation and wish to

attend, please telephone the Head-

master's Secretary on 01843

Church, St Andrews.

St Peter's Court

Wellesley House and

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Brady and Miss S. Fontagnaz. The engagement is announced between Niall, son of Mr and Mrs David Brady, of Dalkey, County Dublin, Ireland, and Sara, daugh-

parmaz, of Putney Heath. London. Mr A.P.S. Busher

and Miss A. Dimedale The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Major John Busher, read, and of Mrs John Busher, of Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, and Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Dimsdale, of Barkway, Hertfordshire.

ter of Mr and Mrs Dennis

Mr R.J.B. Hanley and Miss N.J. Weatherley The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Dr Brian Hanley and Mrs Val Han-ley, both of Sydney, Australia, and Nicola, only daughter of the late Mr Keith Weatherley and of Mrs Janet Drake, and stepdaughter of Mr John Drake, of Staplefield. West Sussex, and of Mrs Jacqui Weatherley, of Auckland, New

Mr T.E.R. Hollis and Miss R.M. Bainbridge

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Hollis, of Rebecca, eldest daughter of the late Mr Robert Bainbridge and of Mrs Robert Bainbridge, of Cutthorpe. Derbyshire.

Mr J.P.R. Hust and Miss K.L. Stark-Toller

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Hunt, of Cradley, Maivern, Worcestershire, Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stark-Toller, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Captain A.B. Jowett and Miss C.S.H. From

The engagement is announced between Captain Adam Jowett, Grenadier Guards, younger son of Mr and Mrs Phillip Jowett, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, and Cristina, elder daughter of Senhor and Senhora Fernando R.P. Frias, of Parede, Portugal.

Mr P. Osband and Min S. Rubin

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Osband, of Regent's Park, and Suzy, only daughter of Mr Theo Rubin, of Warnborough, Sussex, and Mrs Christine Stevenson, of Knightsbridge.

Mr D.D. Scott

The engagement is announced, from Johannesburg, between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Scott, of Chobham, Surrey, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Allison, of Leigh, Kent.

and Miss S.J. Wiseman The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Silvester Litton, of Worsley, Lancashire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Wiseman, of Windsor, Berkshire.

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Mr S.A. Lunn and Miss S.C. Yardley The engagement is announced between Steven, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Puttock, of Dorking, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Yardley, of Holmbury St Mary, Surrey.

Mr A.J.M. Scott and Miss M.R. Kennett The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Allan Scott, of Edinburgh, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Kennett, of Highgate, London, No.

Mr R.J. Towers-Clark and Miss J.H. Appleby The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Major and Mrs P.F.J.F. Towers-Clark, of Greatworth, North-amptonshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Appleby, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr N. Wilkinson and Miss C.M. Barnes

The engagement is announced between Neill, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs William Wilkinson, of St Helens, and Catherine, only daughter of My and Mrs John Barnes, of Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Marriages

Land Charles Brodered Ser and Miss T.P.H-M. Chris The marriage took place in Jersey, on September 14, 1996, between Lord Charles Brudenell-Bruce, of

Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, your gest son of the late Cechic 7th Marquess of Ailesbury and Jean Marchioness of Allesbury, and Teresa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Simons, of Colling-bourne Ducis, Wiltshire. Mr G.A. Worsley and Mim J.R. Pito

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 21, 1996, at St George's, Hanover Square, of Mr Giles Worsley, younger son of Sir Marcus and Lady Worsley, to Miss Joanna Pitman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Pitman.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Sophie Elwes, Isabella Worsley. Edward Downpatrick and Nicholas Worsley. Mr Peter Worsley was A reception was held at the

Savile Chib. Lies Colonel S.E.M. Bradish-Ellanes and Mrs C.M. Woo A Service of Blessing on the re-marriage of Simon and Squib

quietly took place yesterday in Breakfast

Dinner ships, take place on Saturday. Dundee Repertory Theatre will

Professor Sir William Asscher, accompanied by Lady Asscher, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Royal College of Physicians to mark his retire ment as Principal of St George Hospital Medical School. Michael Heron, chairman of the school council, was the host. Professor John Hermon-Taylor professor of surgery at the school, was the principal speaker. Earlier, Sir William delivered a

valedictory lecture in the Seligman Lecture Theatre at the college and Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS, Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge University, also spoke.

Legal appointment Lord Goff of Chieveley to be Senior Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in succession to Lord Keith of Kinkel who retires on September 30.

The Roy Jenkins Appreciat

Society
The Provost, Mr Hywel Williams and the Warden, Mr Johnny Leavesley, presided at a breakfast meeting of the Society at Boisdale's on September 16. Extracts from the works of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead were read. Among those present

The Commissioner, Mr Matthew D'Ancona: the Gentleman of the Stool in Walting, Mr Michael Gove: the Bachelor of the Cinque Ports, Mr Adrian Lithgow: the High Steward, Mr Ranald Macdonald of Cianranald: the Court Correspondent, Mr Peter Oborne; the Keeper of the Pusses, Mr Andrew Roberts; the Father of the Chapel, Mr David Ruffler, Mr Adrian Pepper and Mr Paul Goodman.

Appointment

Mr François Gordon has been appointed Ambassador to Algeria. from mid-November, in succession to Mr Peter Marshall who is moving to a new Diplomatic Service appointment.

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BIRTHS

18th 1996, to Jenny (not Crimerica) and Brised, 1 sm, Alexandre Bichard, HELL - On 22nd Septem 1996, to falle (née Salm and Kevin, a daughter, L Hannah, a sister to Danj

NARTLEY - On Syptember 191 1996, to Georgins (hé

KORN - On 19th September, to Melissa (see Blakeley) and Adam, a daughter, Olivia Bose (Rosie). MODE (MOSSE).

MCLESH+ On 23rd September,
to Nick and Kerry, a son,
Stuart James Dorling, a
brother for Duncan and
grandson for Denek Fawelit
and Robert and Judy
McLeish.

WEDD - On September 23rd, to Nicholas and Philipps, a son Nicholas and Philippa, a son, Oliver Samuel James, a brother for Camilla and

MORLEY - On 25th Sep 1996, to Verenica apo 1996, to Verraica and David, a daughter, Zoë Arabella Rose, a sister for Imagen. MYERSON - On September 24th at The Fortland Hospital, to Ingrid (née Lawrie) and Brinn, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Alam, a sister to Nicholas PLAVAE - On September 11th to Caroline (nos Mucklow) and George, a son, William Thomas Whichcote and a daughter, Emily Alice Whichopse. Whichpoon

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Toxis and Feter, a bountful

drogister, Entitle Catherine

tEVEL1 - On September 20th, at The Porthard Hospital, to Anne-Marie (use Eane) and Richard, a son and daughter,

BO - Carelys and Auth the birth of their first a WESTERMAN - On September 24th, at The Fortland Hospital, to Sian and Marthew, a son, Theodore William Thomas.

DEATHS

SHOOKS - Anne, on September 24th, 1996, died pencefully at Parkside Hospital, Wanbledon Devoted wife of David, much leved mether of Alan, Patricia, Susan and Philip and ndored grandmorher of David, Survey, Kathedan, Victoria, Tom, William, Samentha, Chre, Peter, Dan, Candotte and Mark Pencel Candotte and Pencel Can october 3rd at 12 noon, followed by private transfer Paulty Revent only. Demartions to Royal Maxeden Hospital, Sutton, c/o Fradk, W. Paine, 6 Committed Languages Paulty Paulty (Committed Languages)

BRUCE-BOURTH - Peter, much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, peacefully at home in Cyprus, Thursday Sch September.

CARY - On September 25th at home Marina (TIIIy) aged 73. Mother of Marcia 73. Mother of Marcia Check with Thanksiving Service at 8t. john's Church 1st at 230 pm. following private cremption. Family flowers only, if wishes the service of the relations by the relations may be sent to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Murrary Road, Ringwood, Hants.

DEATHS CLEGNORS - Jonniya Mary, on 24th September pencefully. Behaved wife of Michael and sister of John. Cremation private. Hemostal Service at Whitney-on-Wye Church, Tuesday, 1st October, at 2.30 µm. Donations, if desired, 10r the Marie Curie Foundation may be sent to Dave Ross, 115 Westfaling Screet, Harefood.

School, Repercied.

COLCHESTER - Men. Suddenly of a beart attack in New York on September 25th, aged 49. Beloved husband of Laurence, father of Max and Felix, sen and dvother. Puneral private. Hemorial Service in London to be amounted lates.

Stephen, CMG, CMS, Lin B, FBA. Suddenly on 24th September, aged 87. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at Oxford Crematorium. Regulate to J H Humphels Line 10 Disease (Ul2n) 266424. No flowers please. EDWARDS - On 22nd Jeptember Jess Ford and 75. Beloved wife of Frederick.

Frederick.

Fisher - Histo M.B.E. B.A.
Daughter of the late John
and Mande Fisher Stanfordle-Hope, sister of the late
Sydney Fisher. Trade
Unionist, Youth Leader,
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and Care, 16 Romay street,
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FLETCHER - On September

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PLETCHER - On September 24th 1996 very suddenly at 800 rnemouth, Aizn Chalkower aged 71, formerley of Engley Servey, the dearly loved husband of Marjorie, loving father of Gavin, Pussell and Jon, much loved grandfether and loved by all his family, Punsell service at 800 rnemouth Crematorium on Monday September 20th at 9302m. Family flowers at 9302m. Family flowers nounemouth Crematoriem on Monday September 30th at 9.30m. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for The Bournemouth and Christchurch Heart Club may be sent to The Estimate Willow Funeral Home, 156 Tucktom Road, Sometanouth

September 24th 1996. September 24th 1996. Desply securated by his wife, son, parents, grandparents, parents-in-law, asters-in-law, brother-in-law, sorter-in-law, mother-in-law, sorter-in-law, mother-in-law, sorter-in-law, sorter-in-law,

HARRISON - On 25th September 1976 peacatully at his heme in St. Ives Cambridgeshire, Sydney Charles. Dearly loved by his wife March, his some Den, Tom, joe and Jim, daughtersis-law Linda, Stobhan, Roessany and Christine and his thirsem grandchildren. Private cremetion. A Service of Translegiving will be held at St. Ives free Church Cambridgeshire on Thursday 3rd October 1996 at 3,00 m. No flowers please but denazions if you wish may be payable to St. Ives Community Huaring Forton and Service, The Lodge, Stond Lam, St. Ives Lodge, Stond Lam, St. Ives Lodge, Stond Lam, St. Ives Huntingdon, Camba. P£17 4FU and wealth be very much approximate.

HOWARD - Henry Michael of London W11, on 21st Department of the London London W12, on 21st London W12, on 21st Bervice of Thankspiring Will be held at St. Barnabas, Addies Land Landons of 12 noon on Wednesday 30th October 1996, Please, no Downs.

September 25th, peacarully in his Soth year at Mooshouse Nursing Home, Hindhead, Arthur Gentirey MRR. Much loved husband, father, grandfether and great-grandfather. Funeral details from Thome-Loggett. Tel:(01420) 488996. Family flowers only.

LE SETTON - Paul John Woodbours, pescefully after LE SARTON - Faul John Woodhouse, peacefully after a long Uners, on September 23rd 1996. Beloved bushmid of Dky, father of Bago and Gabriella, beloved von of Bobby and John and buther of Ussula. Memorial service to be arranged. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Macmillan Service. All daquiries to LF. Lintert & Son, North Street, Midberst, West Sasser, GU29 90G. Take (U1730) 812264. MATTHEWS - Patrick Lloyd, on 25th September, aged 82, peacefully after a short

illness courageously faced. Much loved husband of Mollis and devoted bather of Sarah (of Paris). Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving in London later. OPPERNEINER Walter, who passed away on 16th September, 1996. You were such a supplier of the supplier of the such a supplier of the such a supplier of the sup

arro. You were such a wandering person. We will love and miss you always. And to those dear friends who attended the convenent, bless you all for sharing our deepest sorrow. Wife Lea, sons flourie and Stephen and grandchildren. OSMOND - Clifford George O.B.E. on 24th September and September Fark Hospital after prolonged fill-health. Husband of the late Figures and devoted below of Marion and Richard.

ef Marios and Richard, grandfather and great-grandfather. Gremation at Evaluation Community, Justilly, on Friday 4th October at 1.30pm, No Howers, but donations, if desired, to 3t. Luke's Hospice (Grange Appeal). 59, Harrow View, Harrow, 1846. Baj 187. Minds. Ball 187.

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Johannes Otto died on 24th September 1996. There will be a burnin service for him at Dover Chapel in Garyville, Derban, South Africa at 4pm on Friday 27th September 1996. He was a gantieman mill the east St is moment by the widow isohelle and feur of his children. Festick, Miranda, Jounne-Rose and Mastin, and his seven gantiethies. PULLEM - William Reginald James (Reg) KCVO, LLS., RCIS - seddenly at home on 25th September. Belowed husband of Angela, dear father of Rotalind and Sandra, Pape to Chios and Hamsah, and father-in-law of Patrick. Penneui Savvice at St. Suphen with St. John, Rochester Row, SWI on Friday 4th October at 12 moon. Pamily flowers only, Donations if withed to Ape Concern, Westminster, 4 Frampton Street, NWS 4LP, Momorial Service in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 12th November at Moon. Asyone withins at

Westminster Abbey on Teesday 12th November at Nooz. Aurone wishing to attend should apply to The Ansietant Receiver General (Protocol), Soom 12, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SWIP 2PA. All are welcome.

PURIDON - (Tertil) Hilary Margares, passed away peacefully on 24th September 1996, following an Illness, Sorely missed by family and ritands, no more pain. Passed at 2: Peter's Church Nows Mayo 2 pm on Wednesday 2:nd October 1996, Ne flayous by request. Donations if so desired for Cancur Esseums would be appreciated. All enquiries and denations to Allan James Funeral Director, Sandaway. Existen, Flymouth PLS 2AU, Tel: (01752) 680487.

RHSS - Margaret died punchilly in Cambridge on September 24th 1996. Befored wife of the mountly decreased Bernard and leveling mother of Stephen, the late John, Catherine and Marthew. Femmal Mars will take place on Tuesday Ortober Ist. All enquiries to Cambridge Funeral Services. Tel: (01223) 415255.

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Nicu Ceausescu, youngest son of the late Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceauseseu, died in a

Vienna hospital from yesterday aged 45. He was born on September 1, 1951.

n the terrible annals of Nicolae Ceausescu's 24year tyranny over the Romanian people, the activities of his voungest son Nicu manage to preserve their own grisly niche. On a people who had already been reduced to grinding poverty and terror of what each day might bring. he did his best to inflict additional terment and indignity. There is something which recalls the acts of the most degenerate and sudistic of the later Roman emperors in the details of the menage he maintained in the region of central Transylvania of which he was absolute master.

It is only perhaps because of his country's desire to put behind it some of the most shaming deeds to have been enacted on European soil since the Second World War that he was not condemned to death as his father was. Charged and convicted of genocide after the murder of 89 people in the Transylvanian town of Sibiu, which had risen against his oppression in 1989, he was originally given a 20-year sentence. But this was subsequently reduced on appeal to the lesser charge of instigution of genocide.

Finally, as if the Romanian judicial system could not bear to look into the heart of the unspeakable criminality which its inquiries had exposed, he got away with a fiveyear sentence for illegal possession of firearms. He was released for good behaviour after only three years.

Styled - with loathing the Prince of Sibiu by the inhabitants of the town in the southern Carpathians which was his fief, he and his aides indulged themselves in a lerocious appetite for excess: drink, drugs and women the last generally being subjected to the sadistic practices common to men of jaded palate. The Olympic gymnast Nadia Comaneci was among those inducted into this unsavoury circle, and it was alleged that he had raped and . finger nails.

In the hermetically-sealed hell he created around him, Ceausescu was completely cut off from any sense of reality. He remained convinced to the end that the overthrow of his father and mother (and their subsequent execution) had

nothing to do with the wrath of an oppressed populace but was the work of the KGB. His

downfall was a mixture of peevishness and malevolence. When confronted with the results of his father's regime expressed in terms of human misery, families uprooted. communities destroyed, orphanages filled with children broken in body and spirit, he was able to the end of his life to deny the facts, although it was scarcely possible to travel either the streets of Bucharest or the Romanian countryside without seeing evidence of them everywhere.

hatred of the reforming Soviet President Gorbachev was pathological. His glee at his

Nicu Ceausescu was the youngest of the three children of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu. From his early childhood his father occupied senior posts in the Romanian Communist regime, and his children were brought up in the affluence that went with that status. Nicu Ceausescur was still only 14 when his father became Secretary-General of the Romanian Communist Party - effectively his country's dictator. By that stage his sons were hardened in habits of self-indulgence.

By all accounts Nicu was a pampered child, and alternate bouts of mollycoddling and parental violence doubtless contributed to what was to become an increasingly unstable character. He was noted for his spiteful acts towards domestics in the palatial family home, where he rode around the corridors on his bicycle, knocking over maids and rejoicing in the crash of crockery and glass as their trays of drink and food, destined for the family apartments, fell to the floor.

After school, Ceausescu did his national service with the Romanian air force, rising swiftly to the rank of major and taking his pilot's licence. He travelled widely: in the Middle East where, in particular, he became familiar with Jordan, and in China. After finishing his national service he went to university and took a degree in political science. He was later to say he had done this to please his father. Politics, other than that it allowed him to enjoy the naked abuse of power, never interested him, although he and his liver eventually such nist Party's youth wing and subsequently Youth Minister.

As governor of Sibiu county. where he was posted in 1980, his only "political" acts were ones of pure banditry, hijacking convoys of food destined for other areas, but these acts gave him a certain rough and ready image and a degree of popularity with those sections of the populace which were enabled to enjoy the food without having to suffer the fearsome attentions of Ceausescu and his henchmen.

While Romania enjoyed an increasing freedom from Soviet domination, and hence an uncritical popularity in the West — on a state visit to Britain in 1978 his father was created an honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath - these abuses went unremarked. Ceausescu senior, Romania further sweetened its image in the outside world by repaying its debts to the developed

countries of the West. It was only as the 1980s went by that the horrific price which was being exacted from the Romanian people became apparent. In Bucharest itself, the extent of the social engineering which involved the bulldozine of many of the city's historic districts and their replacement with soulless housing blocks and streets, could hardly be ignored by even the most myopic visitor.

When the end came for the Ceausescu regime it did so with an almost miraculous suddenness. From the city of Timisoara the flames of revolution spread like wildfire. In marked contrast to the "velvet" style revolutions which ended Communist regimes in many other eastern European countries, there was fierce and bloody fighting. Thousands died when government tanks opened fire on crowds in city

None of this could save Nicolae Ceausescu who was arrested with his wife. On Christmas Day 1989 the couple were shot by a firing squad after the briefest of hearings.

After their father's downfall an inquiry was launched into the alleged criminal activities of his three children, who all spent varying times in jail. But after Nicu's release he and other convicted Communists were granted a pardon. In recent years he liked to claim that he had urged reform on his father at the height of his

After that, all three and their families kept their heads down. Nicu continued to drink with ever-increasing intensity had inflicted on it. Apparently he had been transferred to Vienna to await a liver transplant. But before this could be done a massive hepatic haemorrhage ended his life.

There were no children of an early marriage, which was dissolved.



Nicu Ceausescu under guard in the dock during one of his court appearances in 1990

GERALD DARLING

Gerald Darling, QC, former leader of the Admiralty Bar, died on September 13 aged 75. He was born on December 8, 1921.

AMONG the many cases in which Gerald ("Bunny") Darling participated as leader of the Admiralty Bar was the formal investigation in 1983 of the disaster involving the loss of the Penlee lifeboat and her crew in December 1981. In this hearing he appeared for the Department of Trade. A case of very a different kind was the salvage award he made in 1986 for the rescue by a Spanish ship of a Harrier jump jet which had landed unexpectedly on her fo'c'sle.

More recently he conducted the formal investigation in 1938 into the mysterious loss in a typhoon in the South China Sea of the British bulk carrier Derbyshire and her crew. The vessel had sunk in more than two miles of water and Darling and his assessors decided on the evidence before them that the precise cause of the loss could not be established. Remarkable developments in diving technology since 1988 may enable more to be discovered about the recently located wreck than was known to the DOUTL

Gerald Ralph Auchinleck Darling was the elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. A. Darling and his wife Moira (nee Moriarty). When his father died in 1958 he inherited Crevenagh House, Omagh, and was proud of his descent from the Auchinleck family. He was most at home in the countryside of Co Tyrone for which he had a lifelong affection.

He gained a scholarship to Harrow and then a Classics scholarship to Hertford College, Oxford, but volunteered for wartime service with the Royal Navy before leaving school. On reaching his 18th birthday at the end of his first term at Oxford, he was called up and in 1941 went into the Fleet Air Arm as a fighter

Very few of his contemporaries who trained with him survived the war but, thanks (he believed) to the lucky black shamrock painted on the side of his aircraft, he survived several close shaves. When training, he crashed and suffered severe injuries and was told by his doctor that he would never walk again. In defiance of this verdict he was to resume not only walking but also his flying career.

However, his injuries were to cause him great pain in later life. Later he was forced to crash-land in the Mediterranean and spent almost a day



in the sea before being rescued. He was Fleet Fighter Pilot with 807 Seafire Squadron in the aircraft carriers Furious, Indomitable, Battler and Hunter. Later he became Test Pilot of the Eastern Fleet and Chief Test Pilot of the British Pacific Fleet in HMS Unicom - a high-risk appointment as the aircraft were hastily assembled on board ship before being tested. He retired in 1968 as a lieutenantcommander.

After the war he had returned to Oxford to read law and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1950. He became a pupil of Bushby Hewson (who was later to become, with his seagoing experience, a great Admiralty Judge). Darling joined the same chambers, then headed by Kenneth Carpmael, QC and remained there throughout his professional life. He soon developed an outstand-

ing Admiralty practice. Those who were in court or who worked with him soon recognised his powers of advocary, his courteous but pene-trating cross-examinations, his eloquence and his felicitous command of the English language (which he always attributed to his classical education). He was appointed to the Panel of Wreck Commissioners in 1967, took silk in 1968 and the same year became a Lloyd's Salvage Arbitrator (becoming Appeal Arbitrator in 1978, a position

he held until he retired in

In 1978 he was elected leader of the Admiralty Bar on the elevation of Barry Sheen to the High Court Bench. He was elected a bencher of the Middle Temple in 1972 and became Treasurer of the Inn in 1991. In 1979 on the invitation of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, he was appointed to the ancient office Admiralty Judge of the Cinque Ports. In 1991 he was awarded the Lloyd's Silver Medal for his work in the Lloyd's salvage arbitration system and, in particular, for his innovations aimed at encouraging the protection of the marine environment.

Darling was called to the Northern Irish Bar in 1957 and in 1992 was made an Honorary Bencher of that Bar. In 1970 he became chairman of the London Ulster Lawyers Union. In 1991, as Treasurer of the Middle Temple, he was to call to the Bench Mrs Mary Robinson. President of the Republic of Ireland.

After his retirement he was much involved in his local Northern Irish community. becoming Deputy Lieutenant in 1990 and High Sheriff of County Tyrone in 1993.

He married in 1954 Susan Ann Hobbs, of Perth, Western Australia, the daughter of an army officer. He is survived by her and a son and daughter.

PROFESSOR MARUYAMA MASAO

Professor Maruvama Masao, Japanese social scientist, died on August 15 aged 82. He was born on March 22, 1914.

ONE OF the leading Japanese thinkers of his generation, Maruyama Masao was an

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authoritative and creative intellectual historian and a political philosopher of international stature.

Maruyama grew up during the ultra-nationalist period of Japan's modern history, and his life's work may be interpreted as a sustained and

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profound search for the causes underlying Japan's role in the Second World War. He found the answer, very broadly, in the failure of the Japanese tradition to develop a concept of "moral autonomy" in the individual, which he regarded as an essential aspect of

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modernisation and which alone could form the basis of responsible politics.

This concern with modernisation and with individual moral consciousness and freedom can be found in all of Maruyama's writing, even when it is concerned

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with Japan's remote past. Maruyama Masao was the son of the liberal journalist and political commentator Maruyama Kanji (1880-1955). from whom he inherited a distrust of sweeping theories and a belief in the importance of the individual in history. Apart from a brief interlude of conscription towards the end of the war - he was a private in the suburbs of Hiroshima when the bomb was dropped Maruyama's working life

was spent entirely at the University of Tokyo. He graduated from the prestigious Faculty of Law in 1937, becoming assistant pro-fessor in 1940 and full profes-sor in 1950. He retired in 1971 but, despite poor health, he continued his work to the end. At the time of his death he was overseeing the publication of a 15-volume edition of his writings.

Maruvama first came to public attention with a briliant and revolutionary series of essays on the intellectual history of the Tokugawa period (1603-1868). Initially published during the war, these were collected as Studies in the Intellectual History of

Tokugawa Japan in 1952, and translated into English in 1974.

Rejecting both the traditional Japanese and the Marxist approaches to Tokugawa thought, Maruyama examined his subject against a conceptual framework derived from a reflective understanding of a dazzling array of Western thinking, including Hegel, Marx, Weber, and Karl Mannheim. This erudition was matched by wide and deep reading in Chinese and Japanese primary texts. Maruyama's analysis of a period which saw Japan's first tentative steps towards the development of a truly modern consciousness constituted an oblique indictment of his own times, and the publication of these essays during wartime was an act of consid-

erable courage. In the freer atmosphere after the war, Maruyama focused his attention directly on 20th-century Japan. In a series of essays, many of which were collected as Thought and Behaviour in Modern Japanese Politics, 1956-57, and translated into English in 1963, he analysed

the background and development of Japanese fascism from a variety of perspectives. and subjected warnime Japanese society and its leaders to a scrutiny no less searching than his earlier work.

Maruyama, though not a

Marxist, like most 30th-century Japanese intellectuals was deeply influenced by Marxism. In his later years, however, he turned to the exploration of how particularly Japanese modes of thought had expressed themselves in his nation's political culture. In the early 8th-century Japanese chronicles, for instance, he found a mode of thought that viewed history as a spontaneous and, in effect, self-legitimating process; the status quo at any time was felt to be the product of inevitable forces. Individuals counted for rather little, and it was futile to apply universal values, such as were historically available to the Japanese from Buddhism and Confucianism, in evaluating their conduct. This attitude, Maruvama argued, constituted the basso ostinato of Japanese history. Its relevance to the 20th century was obvious. He commented little on the

contemporary scene, and he refrained from the popularisation resorted to by many other Japanese academics. As a scholar of politics, however, he was fully aware that his own diagnoses, even when they concerned the past, were themselves an intervention in the politics of his own times. It was insistently to consciousness of their own moral freedom and accountability that he called his countrymen. In a different direction, his legacy will lie also in his creation of a tradition of truly ecumenical political science in Japan, and in the group of able students whom he educated to that tradition.

Maruyama was well known among Western scholars concerned with Japan, who greatly respected both his intellectual brilliance and the liberal assumptions of his writings. He spent periods as a visiting scholar or professor at Harvard and Princeton (both of which awarded him honorary doctorates), and at St Anthony's College, Oxford, and the University of California at Berkeley. He is survived by his wife,

Yukari, and by a son.

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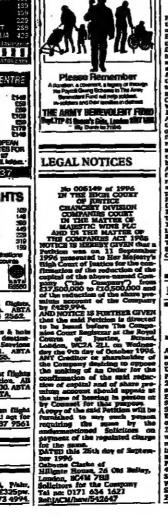


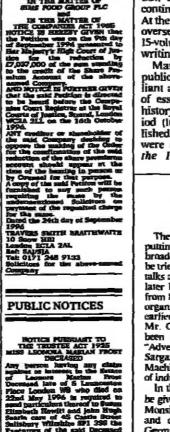
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putting one of the evening educational broadcasts later in the programme hours is to be tried in the new autumn series of broadcast talks and lectures, which start this week. This later broadcast will take place on Tuesdays from 8 to 8.30 p.m. and is designed for those organized classes of students who cannot meet earlier. For these Tuesday evening broadcasts Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, a Leeds lecturer, has been engaged to deal with the subject of "Adventure in Literature", while Dr. P. Sargant Florence will talk on "Men and Machines." an introduction to the psychology of industry.

In the autumn session Mondays will again be given up to the fortnightly language talks. Monsieur Stephan will continue with French, and on alternate weeks a new series of and on alternate weeks a new series of German talks will be given by Mr. C. Norman. Among the other courses listeners will again hear Sir Oliver Lodge on "Pioneers in Astronomy" and Sir Wallord Davies on "Music" (9.15 p.m. talk). The series of psychology talks on "The Development of Mind and Character." by Professor Burt, Dr.

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With the prospect of talks by such at Anthony Asquith, the film director, Kingsley Martin, Hilaire Belloc, J. B. Priestley, St John Ervine, and the well-remembered M. Stéphan, some older listeners may look back on those times as part of the golden age of broadcasting.

Crichion Miller, and Dr. Potts, will be continued. Several courses have been arranged in response to requests from large bodies of listeners. These include "The Art of the

Cinema," by Mr. Anthony Asquith, in which an attempt will be made to give an adequate survey of the new world of the film and its problems; "An Evolutionist among the Rocks and Fossils," by Professor Swinnerton; and "Europe Throughout the Ages," a series of 12 talks on the history of Western civilization, to be given jointly by Mr. Norman Baynes, Miss Fileen Power, and Mr. D. C. Somervell; the

second part of this course will fall within the Easter term. Other courses include Professor Cramp's on "One Hundred Years of Electrical Engineering," Mr. Kingsley Martin's on "What Society Means," and Mr. St. John Ervine's on "The Modern Drama."

Among the late evening talks a series has been included, called "Ourselves as Others See

been included, called "Ourselves as Others See Us," which gives impressions of English ways and English life by distinguished foreign observers, such as M. André Maurois and Herr Lion Furchtwangler.

Under the general title of "Men and Cities," the talks on Thursday evenings by distinguished travellers on famous cities and strange peoples will be continued. Among those who have promised to speak in this those who have promised to speak in this series are Mr. Henry W. Nevinson and Mr. Ramsay Muir, Sir William Goode, Mr. H. W. Tomlinson, and Mr. Cecil Lewis.

Saturday evenings will, for the present, continue to be filled by authors with readings of otheir own works. Among those who will speak are Mr. A. B. Cox, Mr. Temple Thurston, Mr. Hilaire Belloc, Mr. Crosbie Garstin, Miss Ruby M. Ayres, Mr. J. B. Priestley, and Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith. Another set of talks that will be given this coming autumn is a series on "Personalities," by Mr. A. G. Gardiner.

Facing the next big challenge

Graham Clayton presents a two-page

report on an industry which needs to attract the brightest and the best

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The UK's engineering indus-try can be excused if it feels a slight sense of confusion. Having successfully weathered a severe recession, it is now faced by two strongly opposed views about what it has to offer.

Heads of many foreign multinationals see Britain as a country with a great deal to offer: a well-educated, well-trained workforce and low costs, together with the advantage that English is the language of international business. These attractions have brought in a wide range of companies including car makers, TV set manufacturers and

For many young people thinking about a career, however, the industry can seem dull, dirty and underpaid how much better to work in a bank, building society, shop or some part of the leisure industry. As a result, industry is not getting the recruits it needs - which is why it has begun to make real efforts to transform the image of engineering.

To replace the engi-

neers who retire or leave the industry, the UK needs about 30,000 recruits every year who have served apprenticeships, or gained HNDs or degrees. At each of these levels, the numbers have dropped over the past two years by between 20 and 33 per cent. In addition, some students either fail to complete their courses or complete them and then decide that engineer-

ing is not what they want to do.

A survey of graduate career intentions carried out by the T1 Group showed that broadcasting and journalism were the most attractive jobs. Engineering was eighth, ahead of estate agency and tax consultancy. The group's chairman, Sir Christo-pher Lewinton, said: "We must increase the proportion of 'best brains' going into industry from less than one in five to around one in

three and keep them there." The Engineering Employers' Fedcration points to a weakness in the UK's in-company training compared with many of its international competitors. In recent years there has been a drop in the number of apprenticeships on offer, in many

cases because of financial pressure. There is also the problem of international predators such as the American aircraft company Boeing. which recently announced that it wanted to recruit 5,000 engineers and that the UK was on its list of targets. Many of these are likely to be highly-skilled men and women.

The impact of the lack of new recruits has been obscured by the fact that the industry is shrinking slowly, down from 24 million workers to about 1.8 million in the past 15

"There is a change in profile of the the Federation's Director General, Graham Mac-kenzie. "Most of the jobs We must which are being lost are semi-skilled and unskilled: if anything, the demand for professional engineers and skilled technicians is rising proportion

The recruitment prob-lem is one of both quanti-ty and quality. Employers complain that they are not getting from the uni-versities the calibre of

engineering graduates they need. Mr Mackenzie says: "While the number of children taking A-levels has risen, the proportion taking science subjects has fallen. The problem is not just the image of engineering, it is the image of science and technology as a career." In the UK, there is a lack of a

training culture compared with Germany or Japan, where there is also much greater respect for engineers and the word "engineer", in an abbreviated form, appears on business cards, giving it a status alongside that of doctor or professor.

Mr Mackenzie feels things are being done to improve the situation. Qualifications such as GNVQs have improved general education and communication skills; the Investors in People initiative is doing much to reverse the training deficit. But if engineering is to continue to prosper it needs innovation and the right calibre of people.

Rebecca Billau took a year off from university and won an award for her work in industry



Rebecca Billau gets a grateful hug from Firth Cleveland production director Mike Ingrv

Rebecca, the toecap trump

Rebecca Billau, 19, from Wolverhampton, is an engineer by nature. gineer by nature — but like a builder, she knows the value of a firm foundation.

Having left school last year with five A levels, her intention was to go straight to university and get on with her education. But she was persuaded to think about the kind of experience she could build up by taking a year off to work in industry. Eventually she was convinced

and attended six interviews which brought her two offers, one from a large engineering company and the other from a small local firm. She chose the small company -Firth Cleveland Engineering in Tipton, West Midlands. It employs about 150 people and its main product is steel toecaps for safety boots. It appealed to Rebecca because the work processes were easy to understand and being a small company, it had a very friendly atmosphere.

After a gentle introduction to the various departments, the real work began. They set me an objective, which was to reduce the cost of packing. The problem was that the toecaps had to be put aside for 24 hours because occasionally a powder coating they were given would fall off, making them susceptible to rust."

She looked at every stage in the production process and talked to experts in the company and outside. She tracked the problem down to the occasional overTHE STUDENT

generous use of a de-greasing chemical. After spending a week surrounded by buckets containing toecaps and different chemicals, she solved that problem and, while she was at it, another one associated with contaminated rust-inhibitor.

While all this was going on, Rebecta was working on other projects. These included the reorganisation of the tool room to accommodate a new furnace setting up air-conditioning, re-organising the stores and anything else that nobody else had time to do.

Returning to toecap production, where there was no longer a 24-hour delay, she realised that things could be further improved by putting in a conveyor system. Now a toecap is packed within a couple of hours of coming from the furnace and the company is saving £45,000 every year.

All this brought Rebecca a Year In Industry award for the best contribution to business. She received an inscribed Royal Doulton mug and a cheque for £500 and she has gained in other respects too. "The experience has been very valuable," she says. She has just begun a three year course in manufacturing engineering at Birmingham University and she has clear ideas about her future. "I would definitely like to stay in engineering." she says.

'For too long we have allowed CAN the image of the engineer-ing industry be transformed? The A year-long campaign should transform engineering's image answer could be yes. The task of giving the engineer-

one of her three younger brothers had a problem with the Meccano

She was lucky, too, that at her

local school in Liverpool she had

two unusual headmistresses -

one had a PhD in chemistry and

the other a PhD in physics. While

or the electric train.

ing industry a complete change of image sounds difficult, but the THE CAMPAIGN she who was called on whenever

process is beginning and its full impact will be felt next year — the Year of Engineering Success, or YES for short.

This process depends on two things: the first is the unstinting support of the Government and every part of the industry. The second is someone with imagination. She is Dr Mary Harris. The daughter of an electrician, it was

Dr Mary Harris: imagination

there were other clubs, it was the engineering club that everyone went to hecause, with its links with Jodrell Bank and Liverpool

University, that was where everything happened. She gained her first degree at London University and went to work for British Aerospace. Later she went to Newcastle Polytech-

nic where she was awarded a

PhD and went on to join British

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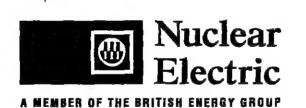
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NEXT year, Iracroft, a small, family-owned firm which supplies tube assemblies mainly for hydraulic applications such as excavators, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. It was set up in 1972 by Tim Bamford, who started supplying tubes to a number of customers. including his brother, J.C. Bamford, the man behind JCB earthmoving equipment. After Tim Bamford's death, his wife and

daughters now own the firm. With several well-known vehicle manufacturers among its customers, it is perhaps surprising it was not set up in the UK's industrial heartland. Instead, it is in Blandford Forum, on the River Stour, not far from Bournemouth. David Morley, the company's



David Morley: increasing

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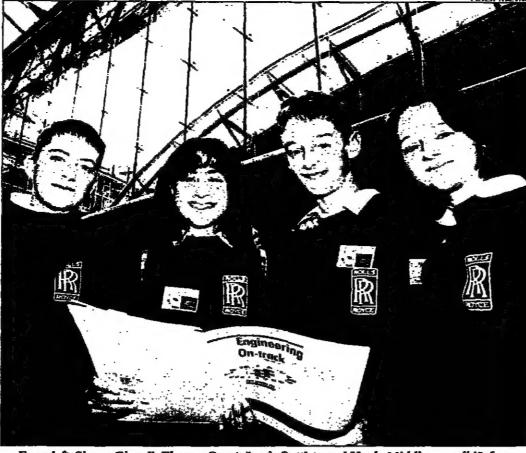
managing director, joined the firm where his father was general manager shortly after it had been set up. He served a three-year apprenticeship as a welder and eventually became joint managing director with his father before the latter retired this year.

In the past few years, the company has done well despite the recession. "It was a tough time," admits Mr Morley. "We had to streamline the company and concentrate on our strengths. We were fortunate in having the customers we do have, because they have helped us through it."

More recently, Iracroft has won new customers such as Hitachi and Massey Ferguson. Last year the factory was extended and the workforce has increased from about 80 to the present figure of 130. The majority of these are semi-skilled or unskilled people, with a smaller core of skilled workers. With its specialist needs, the

company has a programme of onthe job training. "You can't go to college to learn how to bend tubes," says Mr Morley. "On the other hand, basic engineering skills are a good base on which to build — the ability to read drawings, for example. There are a lot of youngsters around who don't know the difference between a third angle and first angle projection."

Engineering on track to intrigue youngsters



From left: Simon Gingell, Eleanor Court, Jamie Battista and Hayle Middlemas, all 13, from Lutterworth School, Leicester, were on a Rolls-Royce sponsored Eurostar carriage yesterday

THE EXPERIENCE

MORE than 600 youngsters and their teachers helped the Engineer-ing Employers' Federation to celebrate its 100th birthday by taking a

day trip to France yesterday.

The idea was to bring to their can be glitzy and international. attention two of the high points of British technology — the Eurostar of Starlight Express were on hand

train and the Channel Tunnel - as well as to show that engineering To that end, members of the cast

(or rollerskate) at Waterloo as the children set off for lunch in Lille. They had gathered from schools

all around the country; about 75 children were flown in by the Armed Forces. The event was a curtain-raiser for 1997's Year of Engineering Success (YES).

youngsters to think engineering is dull'

supported by industry, government, trade unions, academia and engineering's professional institurions. More than 20 patrons, mostly big companies, have provided £700,000 and the Government £500,000 to cover running costs. More than £20 million is likely to be spent by a variety of organ-

isations on the thousands of events. Grabbing a pencil and pad, Dr Harris reduces an operation of enormous size and complexity to a rapidly drawn, three-dimensional matrix. "Along this side are the ten

side are the people we are aiming at: the public, young people, opinion formers, employers and engineers. Along this axis is time.

"For far too long we have allowed our youngsters to think that engineering is dull, routine and poorly paid. Talking from personal experience, at British Aerospace and British Gas, engineering is extremely exciting. It takes the most advanced scientific inventions and produces products for profit."

By getting companies to open their doors, YES will show that major themes: communications. there is very little metal-bashing in energy, defence and so on. On this the industry. What there is includes nano-technology, software engineering, robotics and cyberspace. "We have got some companies," Dr Harris says, "who are opening

their doors and letting five and six year olds play with electron microscopes. Our intention is to get out into the schools, playgrounds and shopping malls."

She points out that the average

pay for a chartered engineer is about £36,000 a year, which, she says, compares well with the law or medicine. In the top 100 UK companies, there are 84 chartered engineers in the boardrooms, just a little way behind accountants.

During the recession, engineering companies, like those in other sectors, were forced to cut jobs. This gave the industry a reputation of being a risky profession to go into — another myth which brings a rapid response from Dr Harris: "Unemployment in Britain is about 8 per cent; graduate unemployment is running between 4 and 5 per cent; if you look at unemployment for engineers it is around two-anda-half per cent or less and that is not really unemployment, it is job changing. Our aim is to get those

kind of messages across'
The Year of Engineering Success

is unique in its scope. It will, however, be some time before it is clear whether it has succeeded in improving the quantity and quality of engineering recruits. Changes in attitude should show up more quickly through surveys.

There have already been some events acting as curtain-raisers for YES. Yesterday, about 600 children travelled by Eurostar from London to Lille — a trip aimed at giving them an opportunity to study the impact of engineering on everyday life. It is initiatives such as this which Dr Harris hopes will begin to change the industry's image.

Catch them quickly in the classroom

Ercall Wood School prides itself on its

close links with local firms and industry

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harles Dickens's description of education as "a smattering of everything and a knowledge of nothing" would not go down well at Ercall Wood School near Telford in Shropshire. Through its network of links with local industries it makes certain that every pupil knows about and is prepared for the world of work. As a result, they take more naturally to engineering.

The school, a comprehensive with about \$00 pupils aged 1! to 16, became grant-maintained in 1993 and Peter Rubery, the head teacher, feels it has benefited enormously from being selfgoverning. It always prided itself on its science, mathematics and technology teaching so it raised £100,000

sponsorship and was successful in bidding to become a specialist

Raising the money was achieved by pre-sentations at local companies aimed at showing the breadth of its teaching — in the arts as well as the sciences — its popu-larity with parents and its academic suc-

cess. This sum has been matched by the govern-ment and the school has been able to refurbish its technology block and spend generously in information technology.

The school is committed to giving the children a competitive edge when it comes to the world of work and has built strong local relationships, particularly with the engineering industry. "We recognise," says Mr Rubery, "the value of it and the need for it, not only in providing industry with the kind of people they want, but in building children's skills."

The focus on industry starts at the age of 14 with an industry week which involves setting up a link with a local company for

THE SCHOOL

each department in the school. Each company then presents a challenge which will be tackled by about a dozen pupils working with a teacher and someone from the company.
Glynwed Foundries worked

with pupils refurbishing the school's remembrance garden. As part of this scheme, the pupils designed a memorial plaque which was then produced by apprentices at Glynwed and now has a place of honour in the

Leanarts, the Telford pen the challenge of designing a fountain pen. The company put it into production

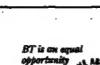
working and. through the school helped the pupils set up a shop selling it and other pens, with the profits going to the school.

In later years there are other initiatives. Company representatives come to the school to help the pupils develop per-sonal skills including completing a job ap-

plication form and then going through a mock interview. After this, pupils have two weeks of work experience in an industry of their choice, which could be anywhere from a small shop. bank or building society to a big

engineering company.

There are continuing links as well. A maths teacher demon-strates the concept of volume by getting pupils to work out the boot and interior capacity of cars brought to the school by the local car showroom. "It gives a real edge to their theory work in the classroom," says Mr Rubery, "and it is that work-related element to the curriculum that we try and promote through our industry links."



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■ Israel and the Palestinians were close to all-out war after Israel declared a state of emergency in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The death toll in two days of fighting had exceeded 50. Israeli tanks were sent into the area for the first time since it was captured from the Arabs in the 1967 Six Day War. Western diplomatic sources said that the Middle East was closer to a wider Arab-Israeli war than for many years Pages 1, 11

Gas cut-off warning before the bill

■ Thousands of people are getting final warnings from British Gas that they will be disconnected even though they have not received a bill. Red notices threatening disconnection are being sent to customers who are good payers around the country as a new billing system has thrown the company into a fresh round of chaos and controversy....

Geldof action

Bob Geldof, the pop star. launched an emergency High Court action in the Family Division following a police raid on the home of his former wife. Paula Yates. in which opium was allegedly found Page 1

Birt apologises

John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, was accused of caving in to Conservative pressure after apologising for shortcomings in an Anna Ford radio interview with Kenneth Clarke Page 2

Bandits kill Briton A British businessman has been shot dead as he tried to repel Albanian bandits trying to board his yacht which was moored in a

Corfu harbourPage 3 Girl died on slide

A girl aged three died when she became trapped by the neck on a children's slide. Safety standards are to be re-examined and a company is to be prosecuted... Page 5

Child health improves

The health of children under 15 has improved faster over the past 20 years than any other age ... Page 6 group ...

Cost of tax rise

Under Gordon Brown's proposals for a 50 per cent top tax rate, the television and radio presenter Chris Tarrant would pay almost £300,000 more on his newly negotiated £3 million salary.....Page 7 Minister...

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More people now regard Labour as too dominated by its leader and divided than at any time for more than three years, according to the latest MORI poll Page 8

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Harriet Harman has launched a last ditch attempt to save the Labour leadership from an embarrassing defeat over pensions at the party conference...... Page 9 France bruised

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With forces of the rebel Taleban Islamic militia poised on the edge of Kabul. Afghan government troops appeared to be abandoning the capital Page II

Van Gogh doubts

A painting attributed to Vincent Van Gogh and worth £25 million may be a fake Page 12

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Eugene de Kock, the former head of a covert South African police hit squad, linked an apartheid spy to the assassination of Olas Palme, the former Swedish Prime

Fruit is the prescription for longer life

Several apples a day - or any kind of fruit - will keep the cardiac surgeon away, researchers have found. Eating fresh fruit cuts the risk of dying from a heart attack by almost a uarter and from a stroke by almost one third. Overall, those who are fruit daily increased their life expectancy by 20 per cent compared with those who are fruit less frequently Page 1



The Prince of Wales was in high spirits yesterday when he joined the regulars at the Laurandy Day Centre near Wick

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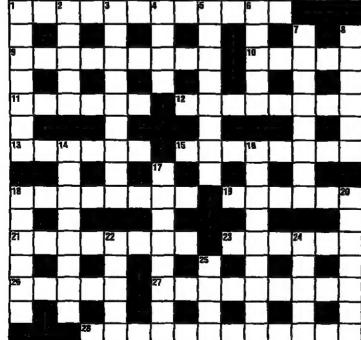
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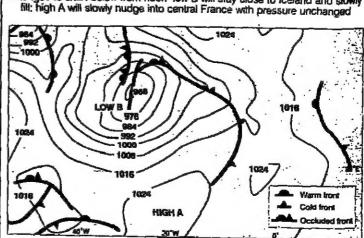
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